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PICTURE BOOK OF LIVING CREATURES
(...OR APPEARING CHARACTERS)

KASUMI

Tatsumi's little sister. Loves her big brother very much. Her rival is Wakasa.

TATSUMI

The owner of the house. High school boy. He's good at cooking and household chores.

HUNCLE HISATORA

Tatsumi's uncle. He develops suspicious medicines and has Tatsumi test them out.

SOUSUKE

Tatsumi's friend. He has two older sisters.

MAKI

A snail that appears quietly at the bath. Super near-sighted and has a negative personality.

WAKASA

The free-loading fish of the house. His age... don't ask.

MIKUNI

A jellyfish that wanders into the bath. His body is 99% water. He loves Aquarius.

AGARI

A shark that suddenly appears in the bath. It seems he is Wakasa's senpai.

TAKASU

An octopus that sometimes appears in the bath. Seems to be long-time friends with Wakasa. He's good at massages.

ECHIZEN

A super-sadistic crab that suddenly appeared. He is trying to take Wakasa back to the water.

GOROMARU

A starfish that appears in the house and often goes unnoticed. He is skilled at clinging.

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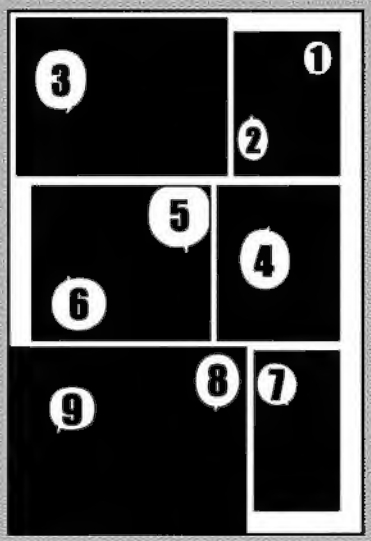
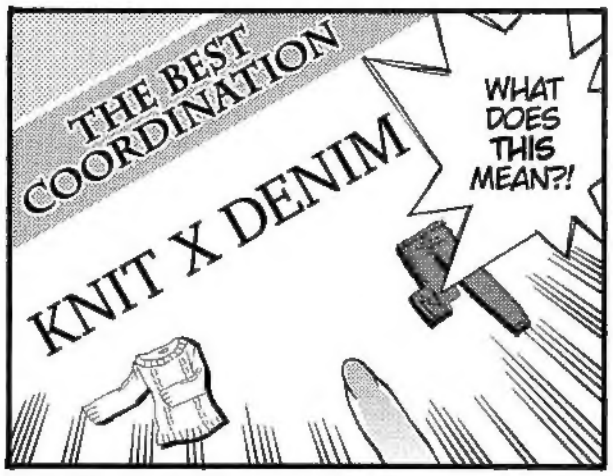


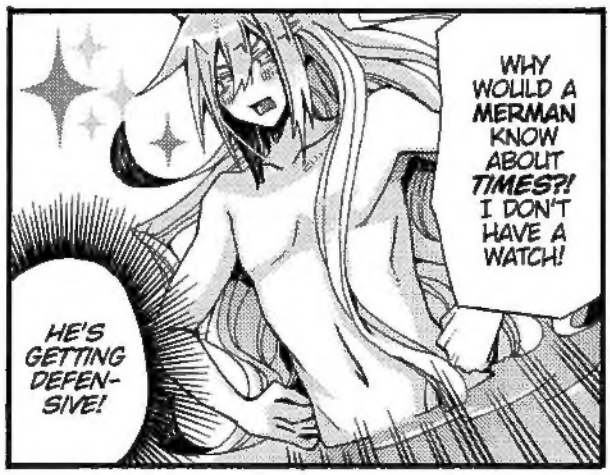

THE BEST COORDINATION
KNIT X DENIM
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?!

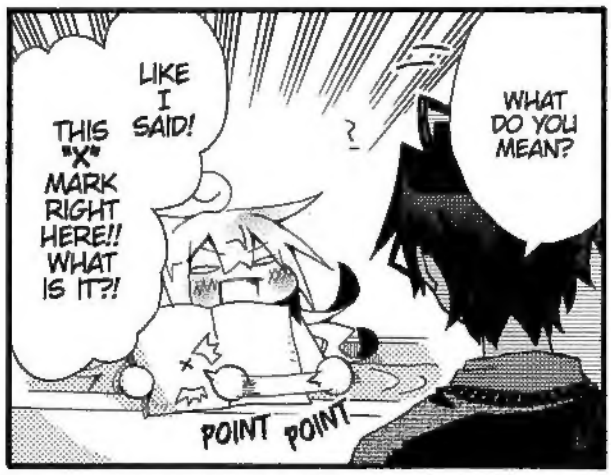
HEY. HEY. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
HM?
SPLISH

HUH?
WHAT IS!!!?
KNIT X DENIM
STARE

FOR SOME REASON, I COULDN'T BRING THIS UP UNTIL NOW, BUT...

CHAPTER 73
LET'S STUDY!!


WHY WOULD A MERMAN KNOW ABOUT TIMES?! I DON'T HAVE A WATCH!
HE'S GETTING DEFENSIVE!

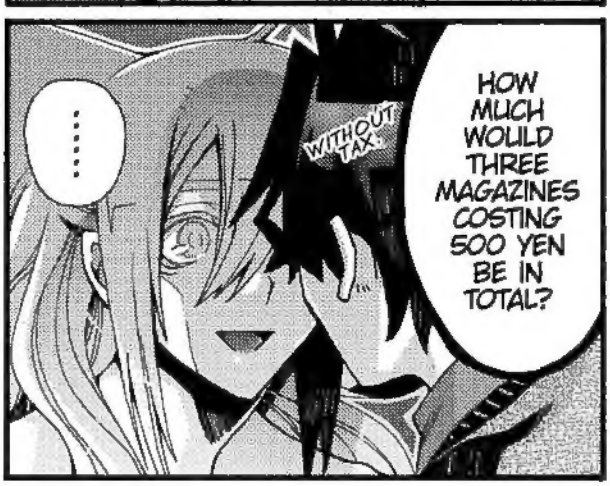

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
LIKE I SAID!
THIS "X" MARK RIGHT HERE!! WHAT IS IT?!
POINT POINT

SPLISH SPLISH
NO WAY!!
THERE'S NO REASON FOR A MERMAN TO DO MULTIPLICATION TABLES.
WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT.

I SEE THE DISBELIEF ON YOUR FACE THAT I'VE BEEN READING MAGAZINES WITHOUT KNOWING!!
I NORMALLY KEEP GOING AFTER GETTING THE GENERAL IDEA OF WHAT IT WAS TRYING TO SAY!!

.....

NO, NO. SORRY. THAT'S A "TIMES" SIGN.
I SEE... WHAT DOES IT MEAN?


HOW MUCH WOULD THREE MAGAZINES COSTING 500 YEN BE IN TOTAL?
WITHOUT TAX.
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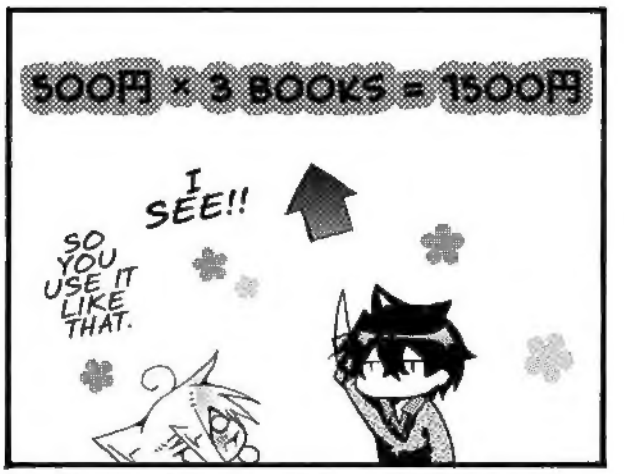
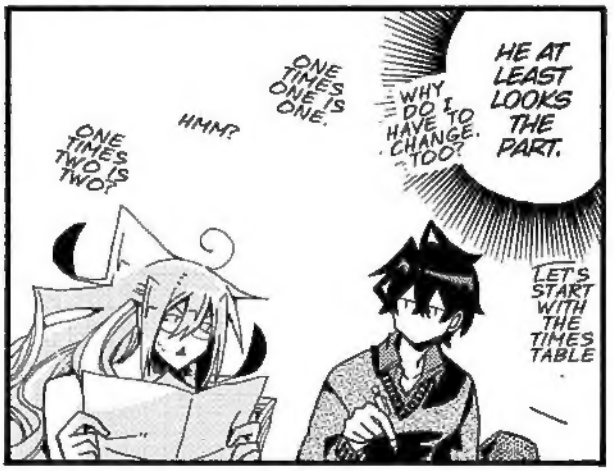
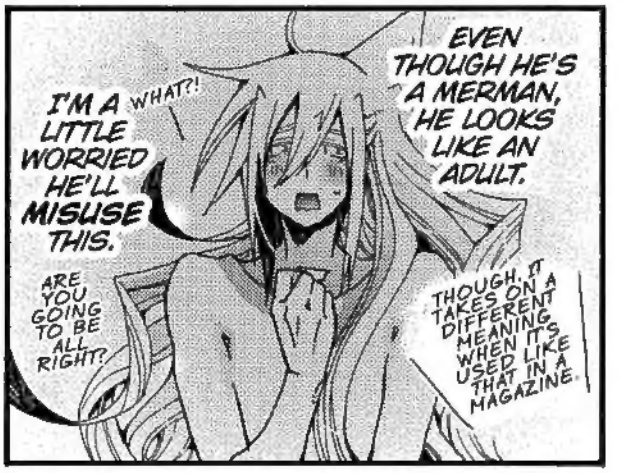
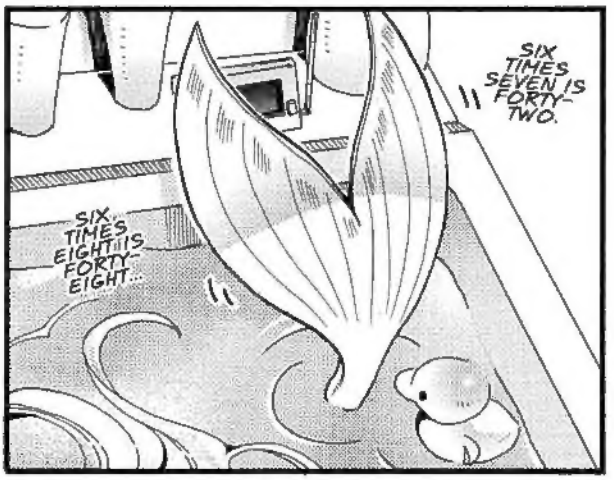
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DON'T KNOW !!!

ヒ"DA-DAAAN ン↑


500円 × 3 BOOKS = 1500円
I SEE!!
SO YOU USE IT LIKE THAT.


HE AT LEAST LOOKS THE PART.
WHY DO I HAVE TO CHANGE, TOO?
ONE TIMES ONE IS ONE.
HMM?
ONE TIMES TWO IS TWO?
LET'S START WITH THE TIMES TABLE


EVEN THOUGH HE'S A MERMAN, HE LOOKS LIKE AN ADULT.
WHAT?!
I'M A LITTLE WORRIED HE'LL MISUSE THIS.
ARE YOU GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?
THOUGH, IT TAKES ON A DIFFERENT MEANING WHEN IT'S USED LIKE THAT IN A MAGAZINE.


SIX TIMES SEVEN IS FORTY-TWO.
SIX TIMES EIGHT IS FORTY-EIGHT...

I SHOULD TEACH HIM A LITTLE. WHETHER HE USES IT OR NOT IS UP TO HIM, SAME AS IT IS FOR ANYBODY ELSE.
WAKASA.

NO, FORTY-EIGHT. SIX TIMES NINE...
THA-THUMP...!
FERDIE ATE...?! WHAT'D FERDIE EAT?

I WOULD LIKE TO STUDY, TEACHER!!
EVEN KASUMI KNOWS HOW TO MULTIPLY.
MEN WITH BAD MATH BRAINS AREN'T POPULAR.

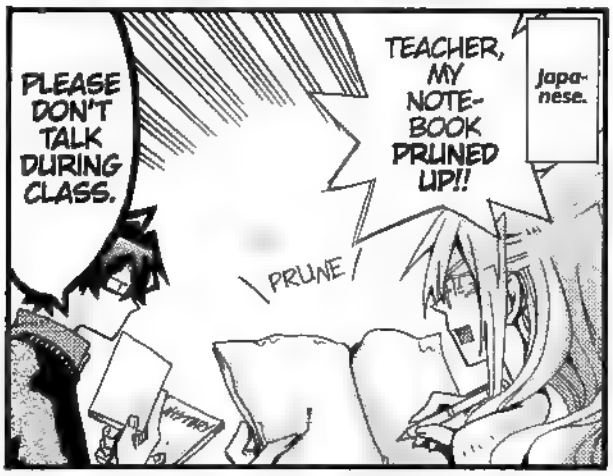
One hour later.
TATSUMI, I MEMORIZED THEM ALL~!
THERE WERE SO MANY...
SHAKE
Multiplication Table
SHAKE
REALLY?
THEN, LET ME TEST YOU.

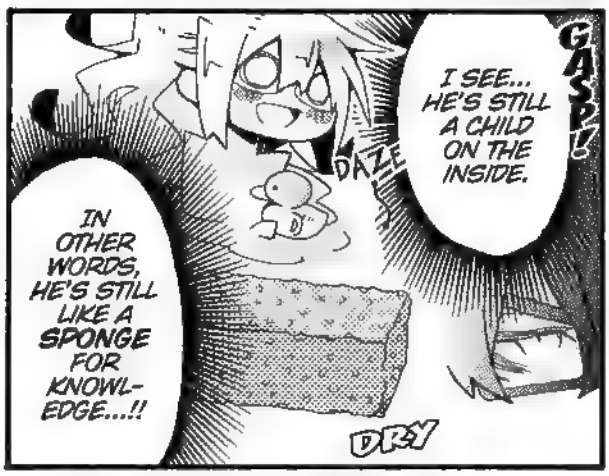
7 × 6?
↑ An upper-level question that's easy to get wrong.
GLEAM
PUSH
42!

HE'S GOOD ...!!
FU FU FU...
AH HA HA...

FLAP
FLAP
OKAY!!
I'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND IF YOU CAN'T KEEP UP!!

MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE MEMORIZED THEM SO QUICKLY ...!!

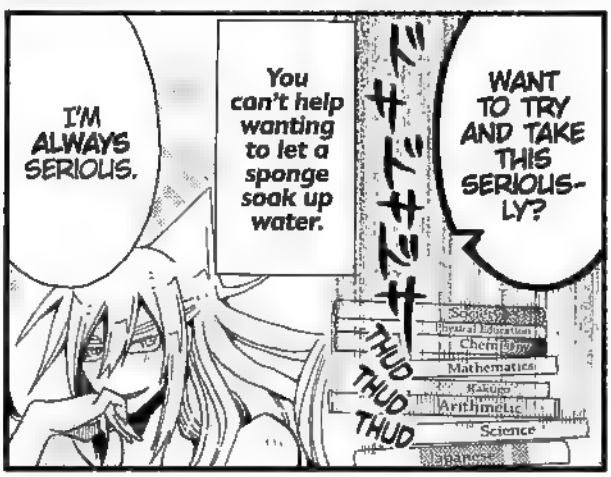

PLEASE DON'T TALK DURING CLASS.
TEACHER, MY NOTEBOOK PRUNED UP!!
Japanese.
PRUNE


I SEE... HE'S STILL A CHILD ON THE INSIDE.
GASP!
DAZE
IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S STILL LIKE A SPONGE FOR KNOWLEDGE...!!
DRY

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
History.
BLACK SHIPS?
I SEE... SO THAT'S WHY THE SEA WAS SO NOISY THEN.
WHAT IS THIS BOOK?

RISE
WAKASA.

THIS IS THE CONTAINER YOUR UNCLE'S BATH SALTS ARE ALWAYS IN!
OH! THIS!
SPLISH
SPLISH
Sci...

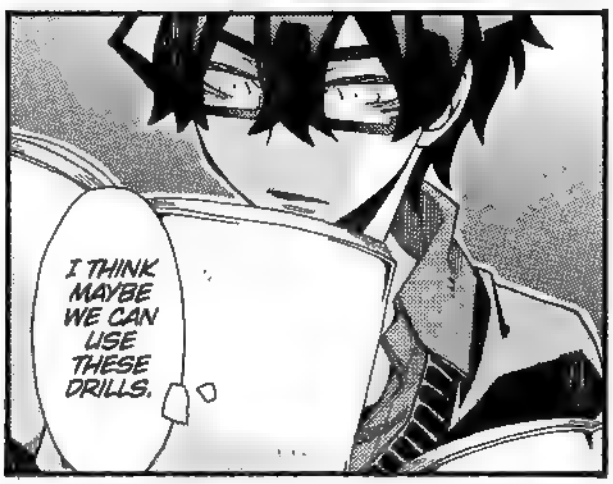

I'M ALWAYS SERIOUS.
You can't help wanting to let a sponge soak up water.
WANT TO TRY AND TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY?
THUD
THUD
THUD
Mathematics
Arithmetic
Science

YES TEACHER!
ASK ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SRTCH
SRTCH
SRTCH
SRTCH
I CAN...
I CAN REALLY DO THIS!!
YEAH.

HERE, YOU DO THIS.
I SEE
I SEE

PUFF
PUFF
HE'S MORE MOTI-VATED THAN USUAL.
HE STICKS TO THINGS LONGER IF HE HAS AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE.


I THINK MAYBE WE CAN USE THESE DRILLS.

FU FU...
I'M SURE EVERYONE WILL BE SURPRISED WHEN THEY SEE ME LOOKING LIKE A PROFES-SOR.

For a sec-ond...
he comes back to himself, and wonders why he's getting so serious about this. →
.....

A PRO-FESSOR?
Nak-ed. ↓
HEY HEY HOH...
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE

WE MADE YOUR BRAIN WORK TOO HARD.
Glucose for the Brain (Cocoa)
↓
SLOOOOP
YEAH.
BUT, WELL, YOU KNOW.
I'M STARTING TO GET DIZZY.
HM?
TA...
TATSU-MI...
ALL I SEE ARE LETTERS IN FRONT OF ME
THERE WASN'T ANYONE TO TEACH ME UNTIL NOW.
I'M...
HAVING A LOT OF FUN.
WAKASA.
WHAT ARE YOU RESTING FOR?
MOVE YOUR HANDS.
SPARTAN !!
HE STUDIED LATE INTO THE NIGHT.

Next morning.
WAKASA.
SHAKE
WAKASA.
WAKE UP.
SHAKE
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE FROM YESTERDAY.
TA...
TATSUMI...!
ONE... ONE TIMES ONE...
TIME FOR BREAKFAST BUNS...
WHAT WAS THAT AGAIN?
IT'S LOOPING IN MY HEAD..!!
I'LL GO MAKE BREAKFAST.
GROOWL
IT'S MORNING AND I'M ALREADY SO HUNGRY
PA-CHINK
The water-soaked sponge...
Has dried out overnight.

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in My Tub

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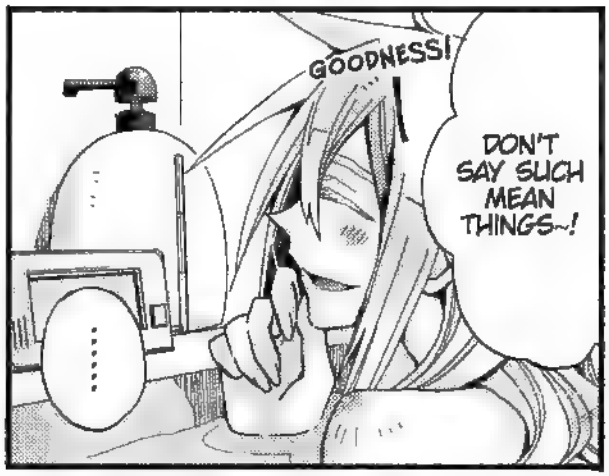
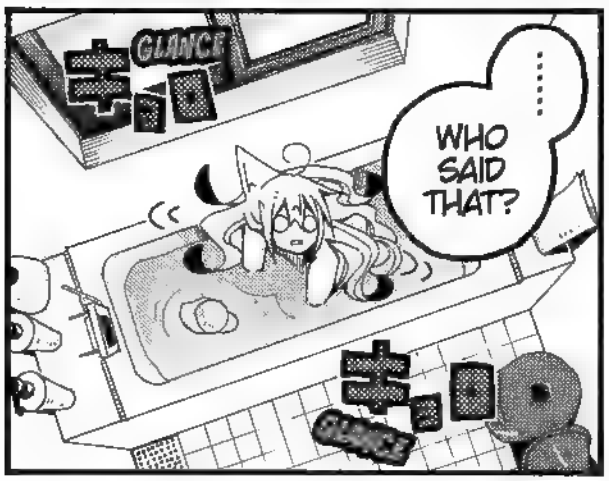
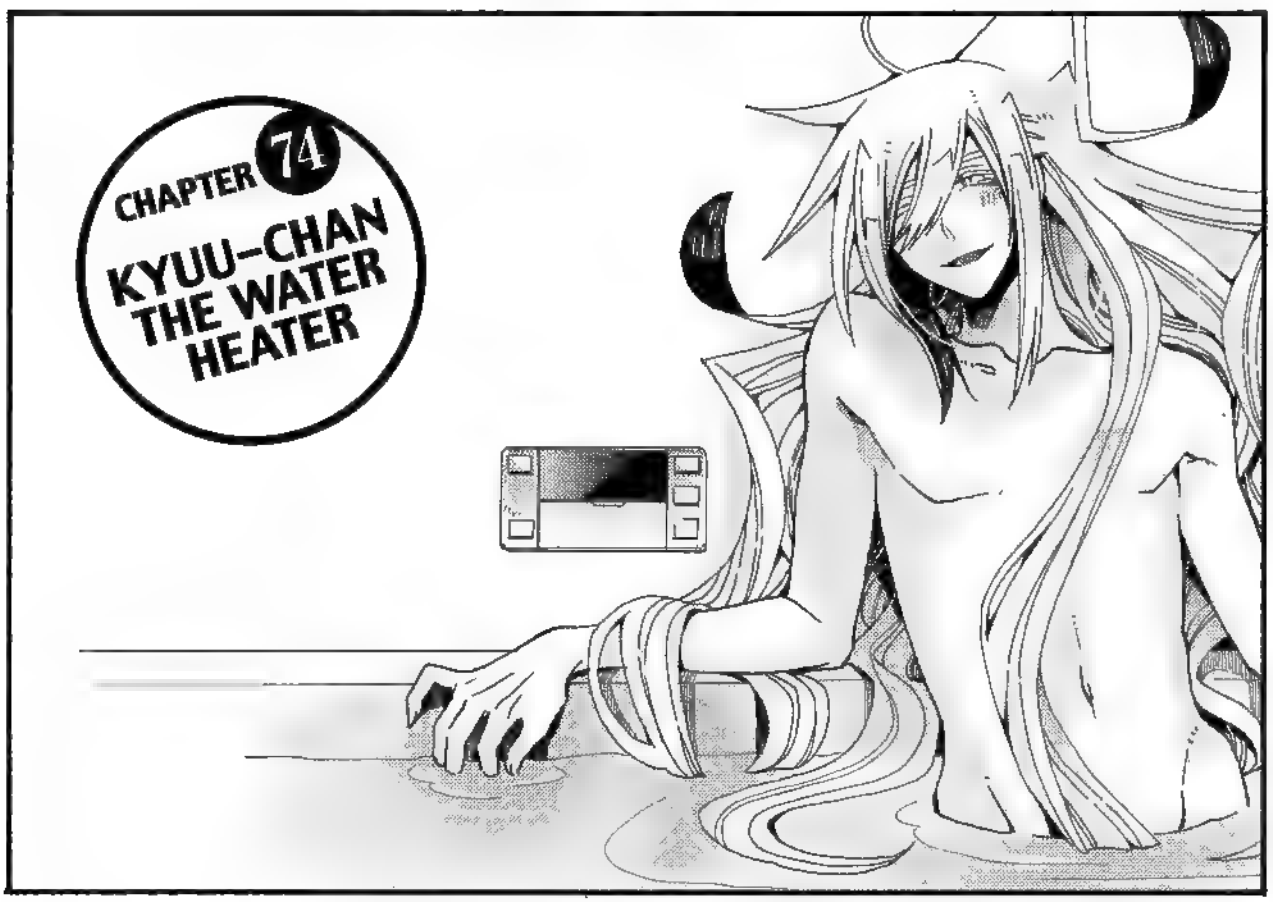
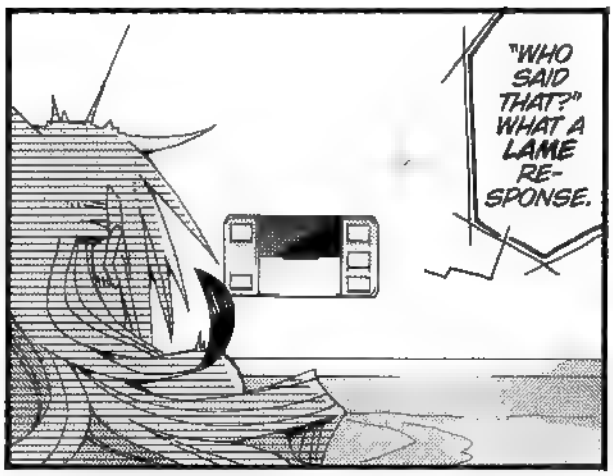

GOODNESS!
DON'T SAY SUCH MEAN THINGS~!

SEE YOU LATER.
DON'T STAY UP TOO LATE.
YEAH! I'LL HEAD TO BED AFTER WATCHING THIS!
GOOD NIGHT!


GLANCE
GLANCE
WHO SAID THAT?

BEEP
I WILL NOT ADD MORE HOT WATER.
HM HM HMMM~!


CHAPTER 74
KYUU-CHAN THE WATER HEATER



WHAT?! THIS THING IS TALKING ?!!
EVERY DAY, YOU PUSH ME THERE AND FORCE ME TO SPOUT HOT LIQUID FOR YOU--
YOU ALWAYS PUSH DOWN ON MY RED PART WITHOUT HESITA-TION.
WAAA

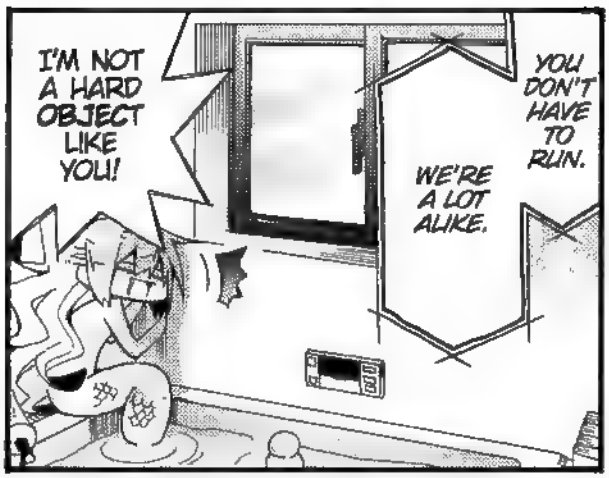
WHAT'S WRONG?! WHY ARE YOU STAYING QUIET ?!
HUH ?!
SMACK
SMACK
CLENCH
A-A
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT REALLY SPOKE.

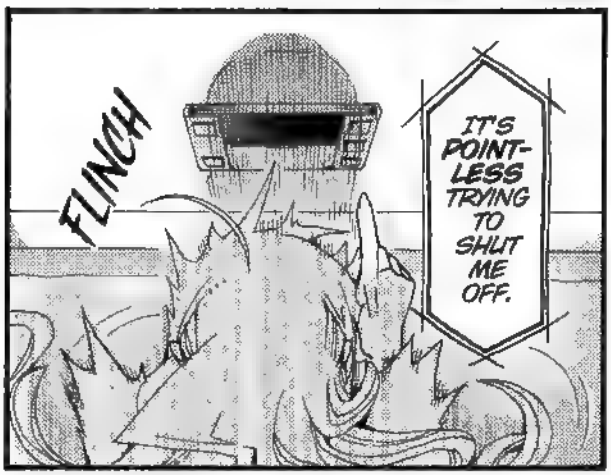
I'M TELLING THE TRUTH~!
SOB
SOB
SOB

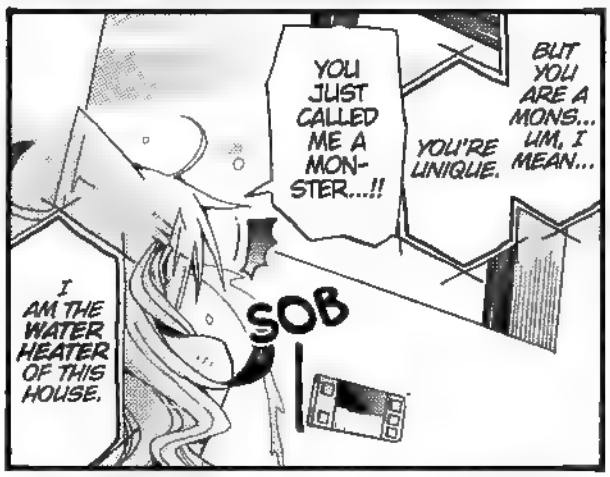
KA-CHUNK
NO WAY !!
IF YOU CAUSE A RUCKUS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AGAIN, NO AFTERNOON SNACK.
LYING IS BAD, WAKA-SA.

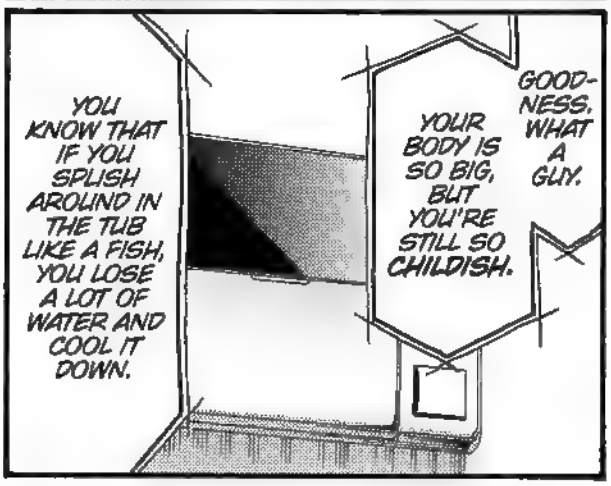
SEE --?!!
COME BACK, TATSUMI !!!
IN YOUR FACE.
RIGHT.

ZZZ
CHEERFULLY

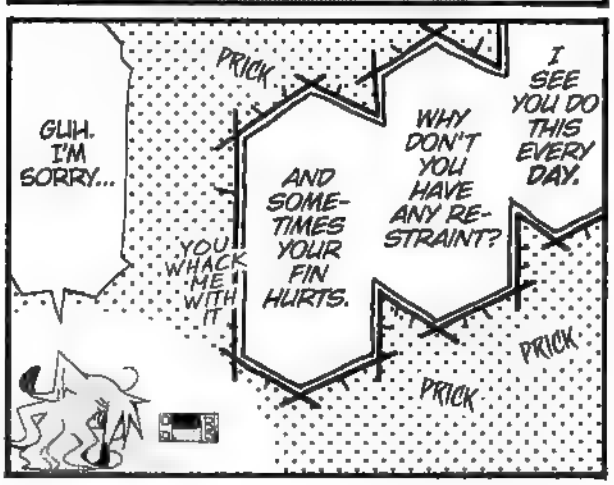

I'M NOT A HARD OBJECT LIKE YOU!
WE'RE A LOT ALIKE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN.

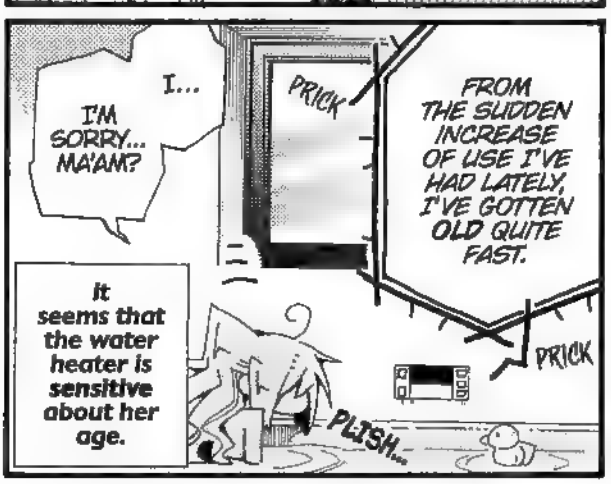

FLINCH!
IT'S POINT-LESS TRYING TO SHUT ME OFF.


I AM THE WATER HEATER OF THIS HOUSE.
SOB
YOU JUST CALLED ME A MON-STER...!!
YOU'RE UNIQUE.
BUT YOU ARE A MONS... UM, I MEAN...

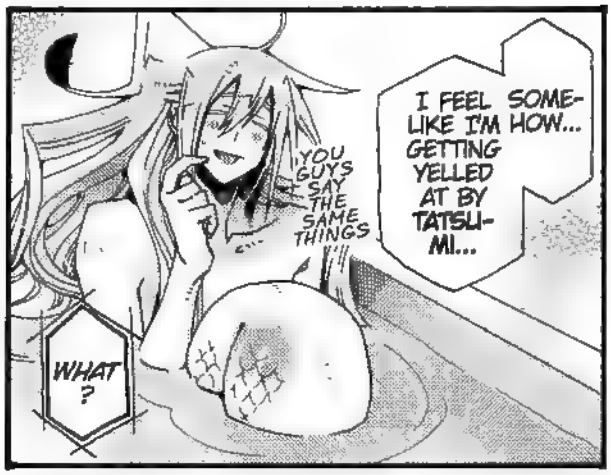

YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU SPLISH AROUND IN THE TUB LIKE A FISH, YOU LOSE A LOT OF WATER AND COOL IT DOWN.
YOUR BODY IS SO BIG, BUT YOU'RE STILL SO CHILDISH.
GOOD-NESS. WHAT A GUY.

Objects used by humans for a long time can sometimes be imbued with such a spirit.
COULD IT BE YOU'RE A TSUKU-MOGAMI ...?!
WHILE THE OWNER HAS CHANGED, THE HEART OF THIS HOUSE LIVES ON.

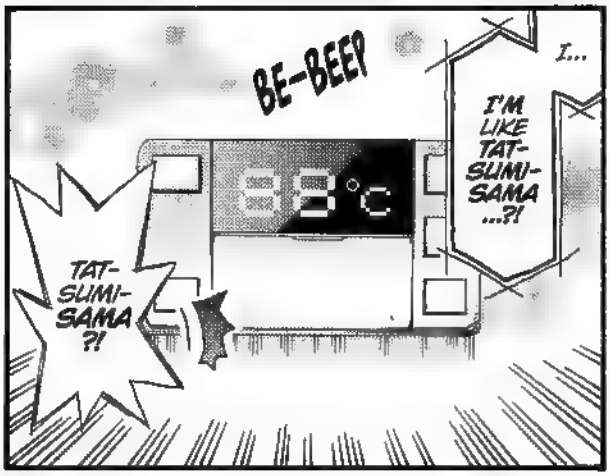

GUH. I'M SORRY...
PRICK
YOU WHACK ME WITH IT
AND SOME-TIMES YOUR FIN HURTS.
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE ANY RE-STRAINT?
I SEE YOU DO THIS EVERY DAY.
PRICK
PRICK

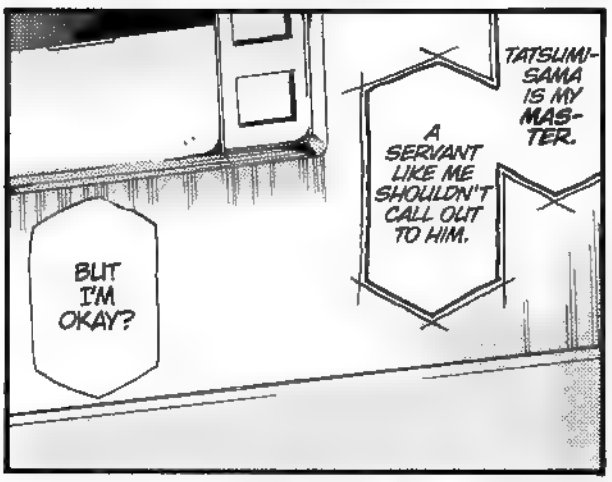

I'M SORRY... MA'AM?
I...
PRICK
FROM THE SUDDEN INCREASE OF USE I'VE HAD LATELY, I'VE GOTTEN OLD QUITE FAST.
It seems that the water heater is sensitive about her age.
PRICK
PLISH...

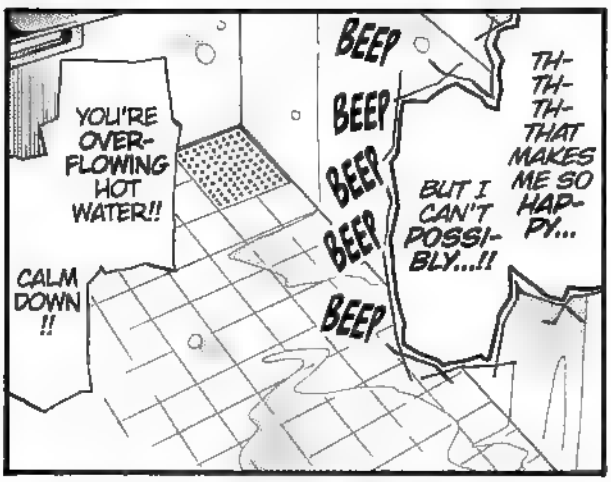
AHHH...
TATSUMI-SAMA TOUCHED MY BUTTON...!!
UGH...
WHY DO I KEEP GETTING INTO TROUBLE...?
OH. HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN..?!


I FEEL SOMEHOW... LIKE I'M GETTING YELLED AT BY TATSUMI...
YOU GUYS SAY THE SAME THINGS
WHAT?

IF YOU LIKE HIM SO MUCH,
WHY ARE YOU STAYING QUIET?


BE-BEEP
88°C
I...
I'M LIKE TATSUMI-SAMA...?!
TATSUMI-SAMA?!


TATSUMI-SAMA IS MY MASTER.
A SERVANT LIKE ME SHOULDN'T CALL OUT TO HIM.
BUT I'M OKAY?

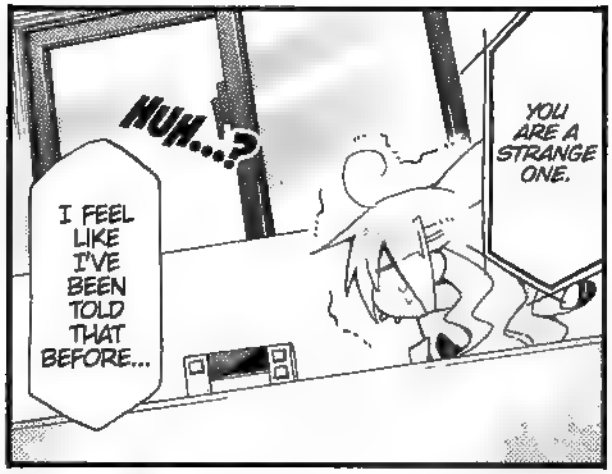

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
YOU'RE OVERFLOWING HOT WATER!!
CALM DOWN!!
BUT I CAN'T POSSIBLY...!!
TH-TH-TH-THAT MAKES ME SO HAPPY...

SPLISH
ビチ
I'M NOT A PET!! I'M A FRIEND!!
YOU'RE JUST HIS PET, RIGHT?
ビチ
SPLISH

カ!!チャ!!
GA-CHAK
WA-KASA!!
IT'S NOT ME!!
SILENCE...

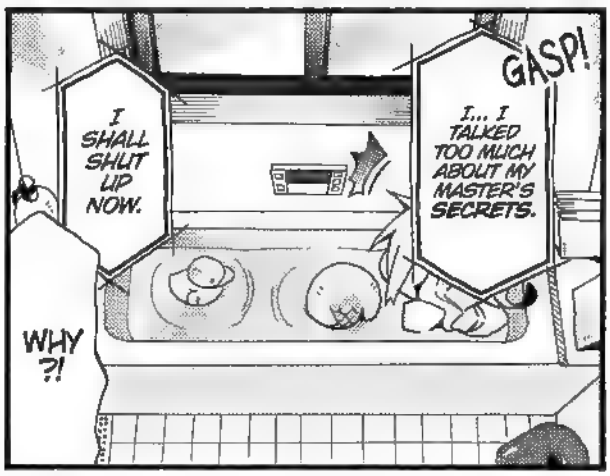
HEY, KYUU-CHAN.
WHO ARE YOU CALLING KYUU-CHAN?
ISN'T IT LONELY TO STAY HERE AND NEVER TALK TO TATSUMI?
YOU THINK SO?
IN THE PAST, THERE WERE TIMES IT ONLY SEEMED APPRO-PRIATE.
WHEN HE WOULD ONLY TAKE BATHS WITH HIS GRAND-FATHER.
WHEN HE ONCE ALMOST DROWNED IN THE TUB.
AND WHEN HE WAS ALONE...
SECRETLY PLAYING WITH DUCKY...

AH-CHOO!
HEEEEK!
GIGGLE
SO TRUE!
GIGGLE
WOULD HE WANT TO KNOW THAT I HAD ALWAYS BEEN WATCHING?
THOSE ARE SPECIAL MEMO-RIES TO ME


HUH...?
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT BEFORE...
YOU ARE A STRANGE ONE.

AH HA HA!
TATSUMI SPACES OUT A LOT.
IT WAS HARD TO HOLD BACK WHEN HE SLIPPED ON THE TILE.

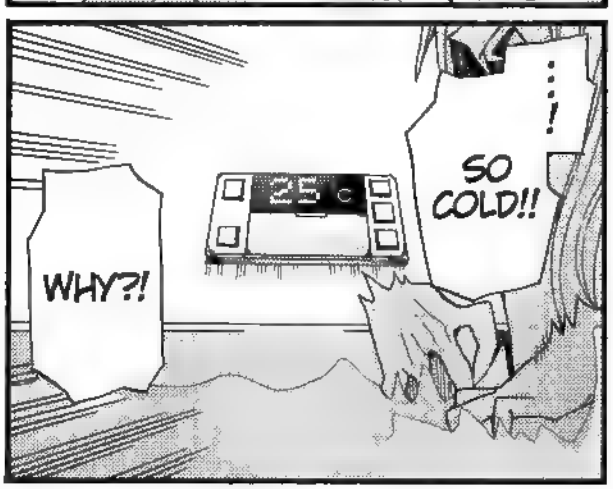
UGH!
YOU'RE THE REASON TATSUMI-SAMA HATES TAKING A BATH.
BUT YOU ARE ALSO THE REASON HE TAKES BATHS MORE OFTEN NOW.


GASP!
I... I TALKED TOO MUCH ABOUT MY MASTER'S SECRETS.
I SHALL SHUT UP NOW.
WHY ?!

RIGHT ?!
THEN, KYUU-CHAN.
COME ON! DON'T HESITATE TO GET SPOILED BY ME.
I'M YOUR MASTER AS WELL!!

SINCE YOU CAN SPEAK...
YOU SHOULD TALK TO ME IF YOU CAN'T TALK TO TATSUMI!!

SO HOOOT !!
SPLISH
SPLISH
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
YOU GET COCKY EASILY.


25 C
WHY?!
...!
SO COLD!!

HEY.
I DON'T HAVE HOT WATER OVER THERE.
HUH?
STOMP...
Next morning.
LAST NIGHT IT KEPT GETTING HOT AND COLD...
WHAT A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE...
KAWAWA
SLOSH
OUR HOT WATER ALL COMES FROM ONE TANK, SO I CAN TELL WHEN YOU OVERUSE IT.
KITCHEN
TANK
TUB
RUMBLE
SPLISH
RUMBLE
HUH... WHAT ARE YOU...?
RUMBLE
HMM?
HOW MUCH WATER DID YOU USE UP LAST NIGHT?
RUMBLE
IT...
IT'S NOT MY FAULT ~!!
SAY SOMETHING, KYUU-CHAN ...!!!

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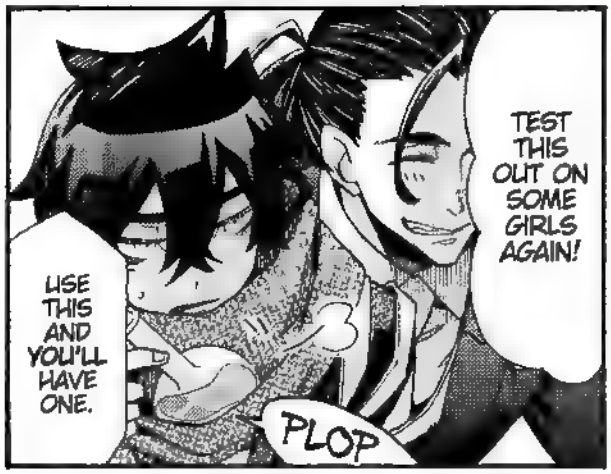
TRUTH SERUM

SO, YOU DON'T HAVE A FIANCÉE YET.
CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP
I'LL GET A WIFE THIS WAY!!
I'M SERIOUS THIS TIME!!

I HOPE, ANYWAY! YOUR UNCLE FEELS REALLY LONELY!!
.....
HAHAHA
I'M GOING TO GET MARRIED SOON! ♡
WHY ARE YOU DRESSED SO FORMALLY?


TEST THIS OUT ON SOME GIRLS AGAIN!
USE THIS AND YOU'LL HAVE ONE.
PLOP

THERE IT IS.
HERE. ♡
WELL, PUTTING ASIDE SMALL TALK.
SLOSH♪

GO MAKE SOME GIRLS FALL HEAD OVER HEELS FOR YOU!!
SEE YA!!

PLEASE DON'T GIVE ME ANYTHING THAT CAN EXPLODE.
HM? IT'S NORMAL.
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?

ALL ALONE

SEE YA.
"NO... ALREADY. ♡ I'M GOING TO OVERFLOW. ♡"
BATH SALT NUMBER 13.

DID YOU POUR IT IN ALREADY?
LOOK AT ME, TATSUMI.
H...
HEY, WAIT...
HE WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION AT ALL!!
SPLISH...
SPLISH...

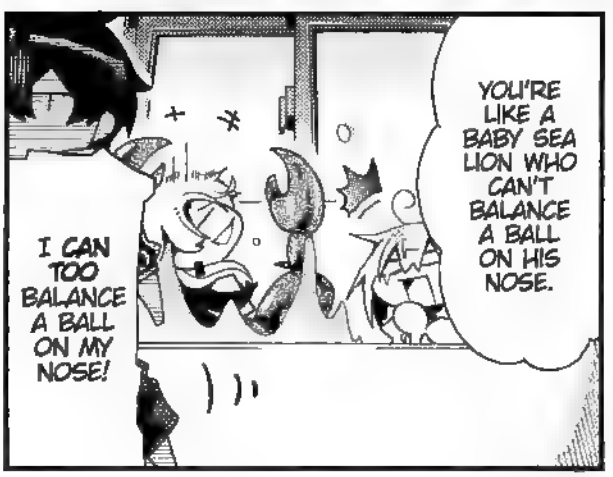
ビィィ
ANO-THER ONE!!
TA-DAA—!
HE'S CON-FIDENT ABOUT THIS ONE.
AND SO HERE'S ANOTH-ER ONE.
HOW MANY CHEMICALS HAVE I TESTED FOR HIM NOW?!

WHAT KIND OF USE WOULD A CLUMSY AND SPACED-OUT GUY LIKE YOU BE?
HA HA HA HA!!
THIS VOICE ...!!

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY!!
WELL, WELL. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN FINE IN THE END.

カ!!
RATTLE
ラッ
ECHI-ZEN!!
GOODNESS. YOU REALLY MAKE ME LAUGH.

GLANCE
ARE THESE TESTS EVEN USE-FUL...?
→ Wants to be praised just a bit.


YOU'RE LIKE A BABY SEA LION WHO CAN'T BALANCE A BALL ON HIS NOSE.
I CAN TOO BALANCE A BALL ON MY NOSE!

FWIP
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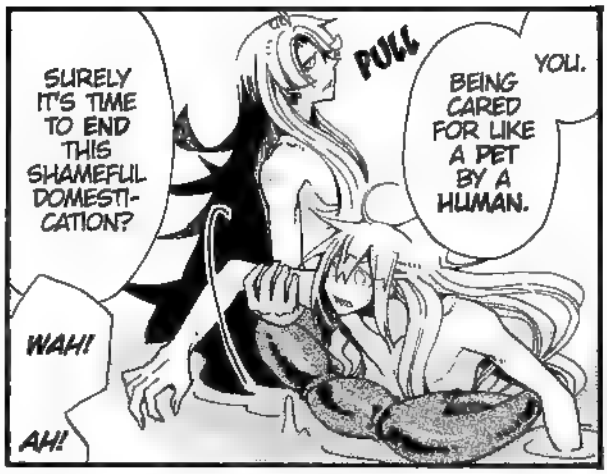
I'M A PROUD LONER CRAB.
I HAVE NO PLANS TO BE FRIENDLY
KONK
YOU NEVER VISIT WITH WAKASA'S OTHER FRIENDS, I NOTICE.
SIP
MIKUNI-SAN, AGARI-SAN...
SPWASH
SO...
LET'S END THIS TODAY.
HE THOUGHT HIS LIFE WOULD END.
THUMP THUMP THUMP
SLAP
YOU SHOULDN'T POINT SCISSORS AT PEOPLE
TATSUMI IS SO STRONG

WELL, MAYBE IT IS TIME YOU MOVED ON. IF HE'LL HELP YOU, I'M COOL WITH IT.
TATSU-MI!!
YOU SHOULD BE FIGHT-ING FOR ME!!!


SURELY IT'S TIME TO END THIS SHAMEFUL DOMESTI-CATION?
PULL
YOU.
BEING CARED FOR LIKE A PET BY A HUMAN.
WAH!
AH!

SO...
KUH ...!
I CAN'T LET OUR SERIES END SO ABRUPTLY ...!!
BUT ECHIZEN'S STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE ME IF HE WANTS.

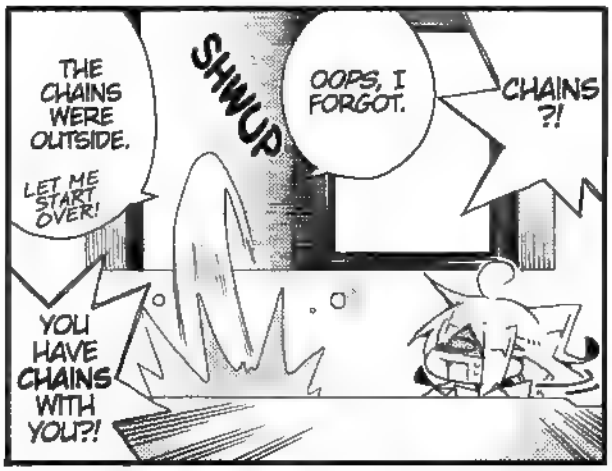
WAKA-SA...
GASP!
TA-
TATSU-MI!

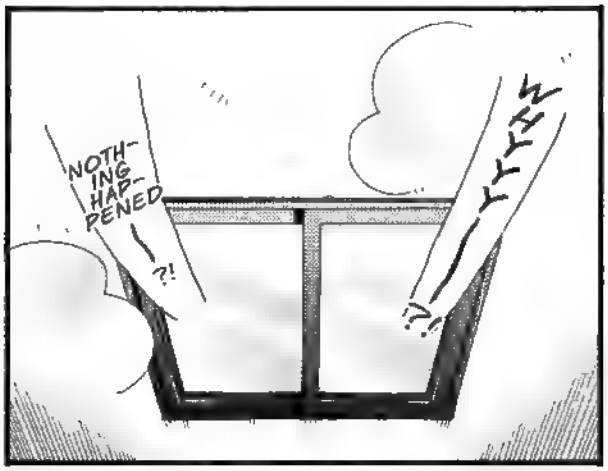
SPLASH
DO SOME-THING, BATH SALTS !!!

WHERE THE TRUE MOTHER WAS THE ONE WHO WOULDN'T LET HER BABY BE TORN IN TWO...!!
IS THIS LIKE THE MOTHERS SOLOMON HAD TO JUDGE?!
NO, MINE!
THIS IS MY CHILD!

SILENCE...

AHH~! WHICH HAND SHOULD I TAKE?
SCRATCH
STARE
SCRATCH


THE CHAINS WERE OUTSIDE.
LET ME START OVER!
SHWUP
OOPS, I FORGOT.
CHAINS ?!
YOU HAVE CHAINS WITH YOU?!


NOTHING HAPPENED
?!
YYYYYYY
?!

NOW I'VE COME TO PICK YOU UP!!
WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE YOU JUST GOT HERE?!
JANGLE
ガラッ
RATTLE
THANKS FOR WAITING!!

YOU REALLY WANTED TO TEST THEM OUT.
I HATE SALTS! I HATE THEM. BUT A LITTLE PART OF ME LOVES THEM.
THAT'S THE WAY OF THE WORLD
HEEK
ECHIZEN SOUNDS STRANGE!!!

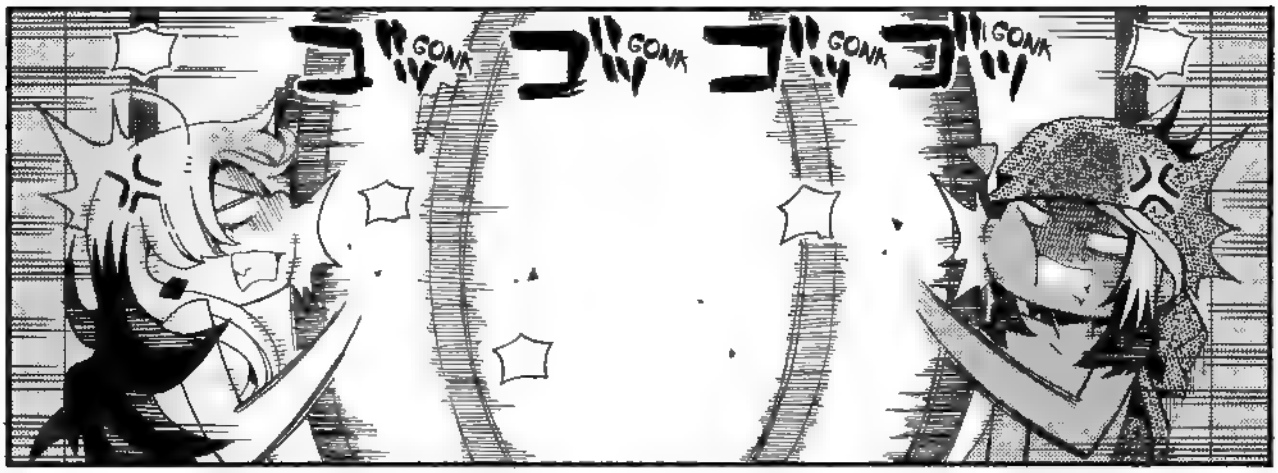
ガラッ
RATTLE
HEY.
IT'S PRETTY COLD OUT THERE TODAY--

ECHIZEN, ARE YOU STILL PLANNING ON TAKING ME BACK?

GONK
GUAH!
HEGH!

YEAH.
EVEN IF I HAVE TO CHAIN YOU DOWN.

SWAY...
TAKA-SU...?
YOU'RE... ECHIZE--
ARE YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT?
OW !!!
OUCH !!
TAKASU!
GONK
OUCH !!!
HMPH!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
UH OOOH...


GONK
GONK
GONK
GONK

HEY.
COULD IT BE...
GROWWWL
IT COULD. IT IS.

HUFF!
HUFF!

HMPH!
ECHIZEN AND TAKASU AREN'T ON THE BEST OF TERMS.

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SHA-KING!!
SQUIRM!!
.....
From the previous chapter.
These two are fighting (they don't get along).
IT'S LIKE WATCHING A MONSTER FILM.
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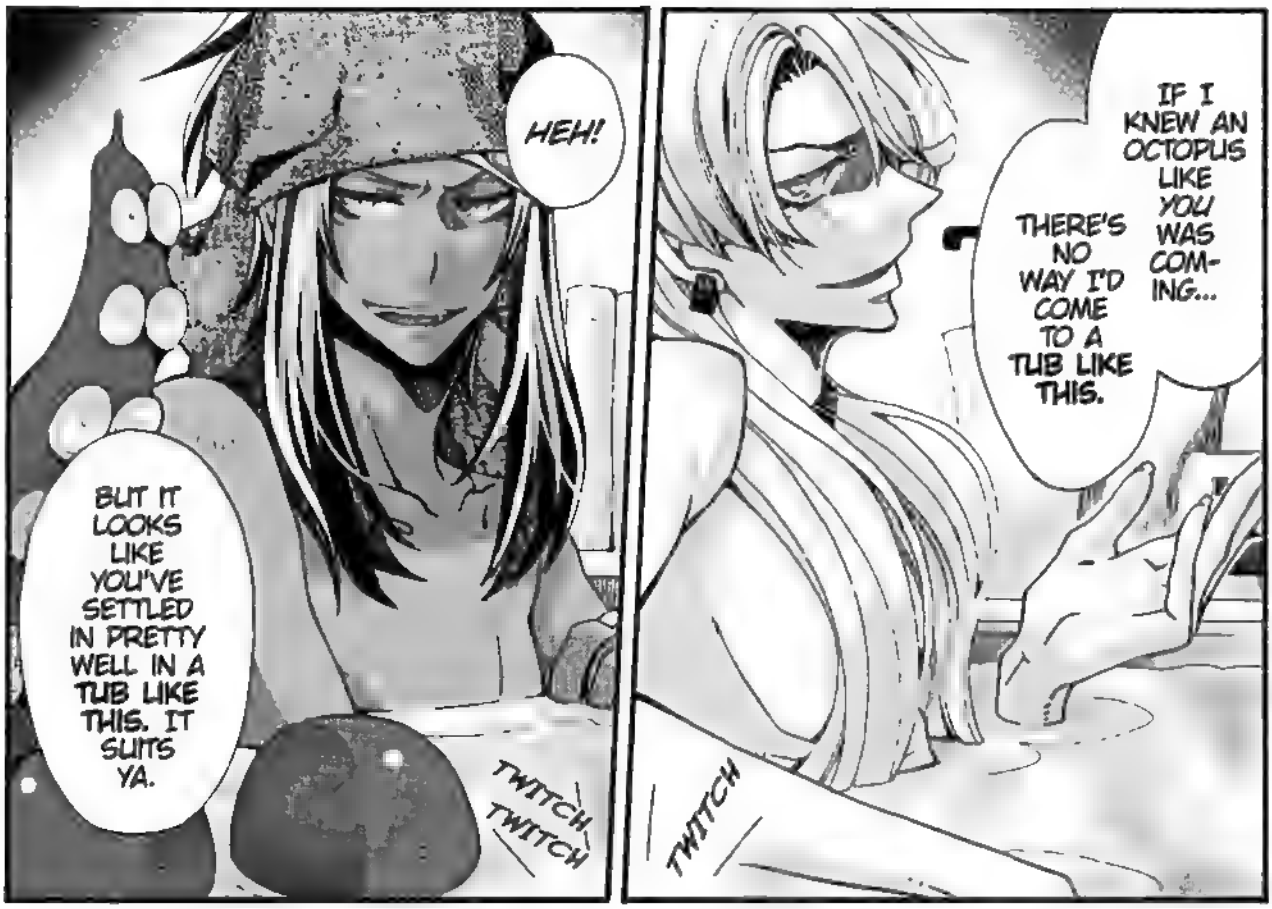
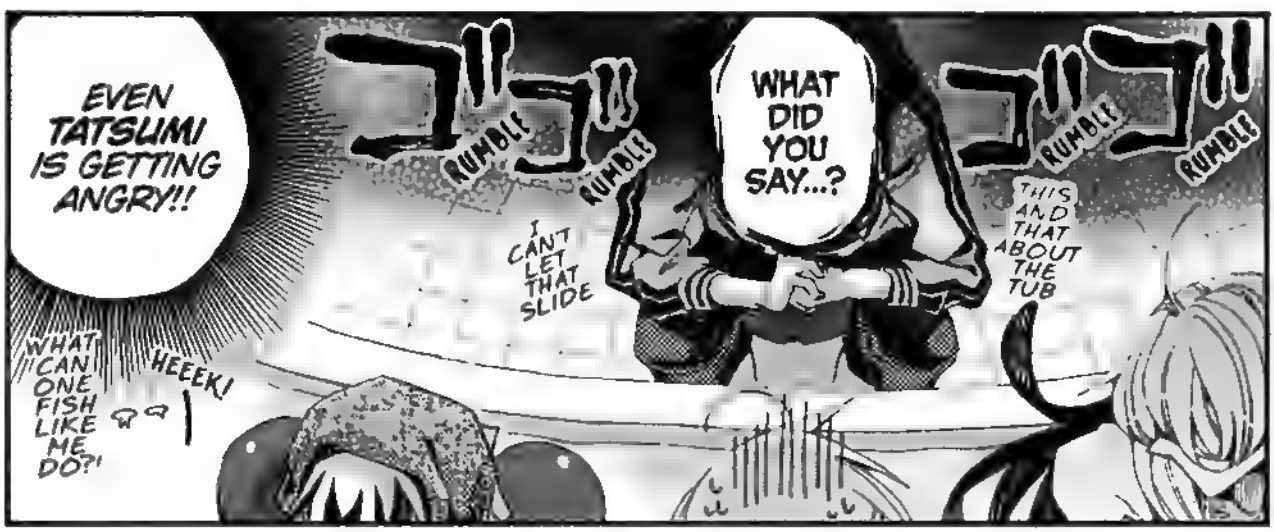
TACCHAN AND ECCHAN
NICE CROSS-COUNTER...

RIGHT BACK AT YOU.
HMPH!
TCH!
WHY IS THIS GUY HERE?


HEH!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE SETTLED IN PRETTY WELL IN A TUB LIKE THIS. IT SUITS YA.
TWITCH TWITCH
IF I KNEW AN OCTOPUS LIKE YOU WAS COMING...
THERE'S NO WAY I'D COME TO A TUB LIKE THIS.
TWITCH


EVEN TATSUMI IS GETTING ANGRY!!
WHAT CAN ONE FISH LIKE ME DO?!
HEEEK!
ゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
I CAN'T LET THAT SLIDE
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?
ゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
THIS AND THAT ABOUT THE TUB

HAH~?
WHEN WERE WE FRIENDS~?
GN~NUH~NUH~NUH~NUH!
THAT'S A MISTAKE I WISH I COULD ERASE.
DON'T JOKE!

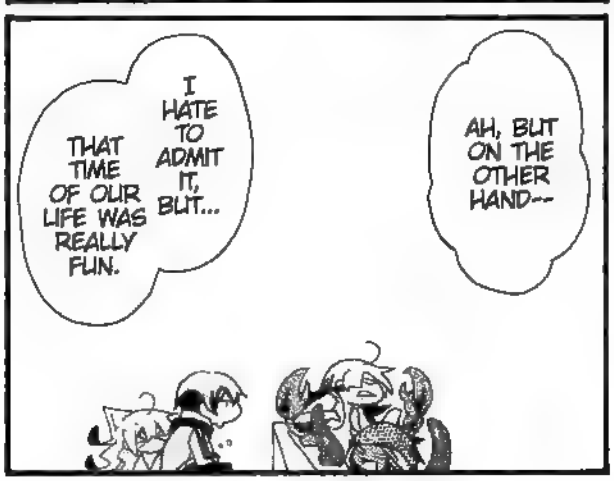
WAIT. WAIT. HOW ABOUT WE ALL CALM DOWN?!
WE'RE IN A TUB, SO LET'S RELAX!!

HA HA HA
Some Years Ago.
YOU GUYS WERE FAMOUS BEST FRIENDS.
TACCHAN AND ECCHAN OF THE RED CISTERN...
HUH? BUT ...

QUIET!
PYAK!

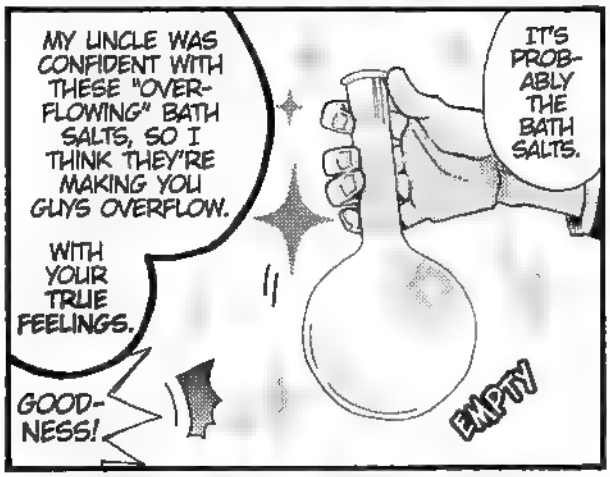
IS THAT BIG MOUTH OF YOURS A GEYSER OR SOMETHING?
HUUUUUUH?!
Y-Y-YOU'RE SPEWING NONSENSE, WAKASA!!
SAVE ME, TATSUM!!

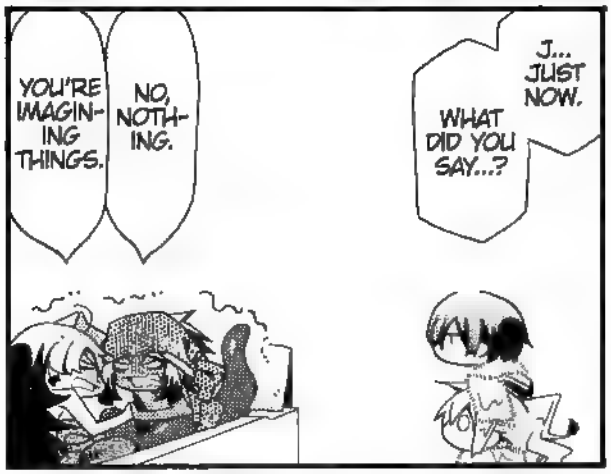
YOU USED TO BE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS.
WHY DO YOU TWO ALWAYS FIGHT?
HU...


THAT TIME OF OUR LIFE WAS REALLY FUN.
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT...
AH, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND--

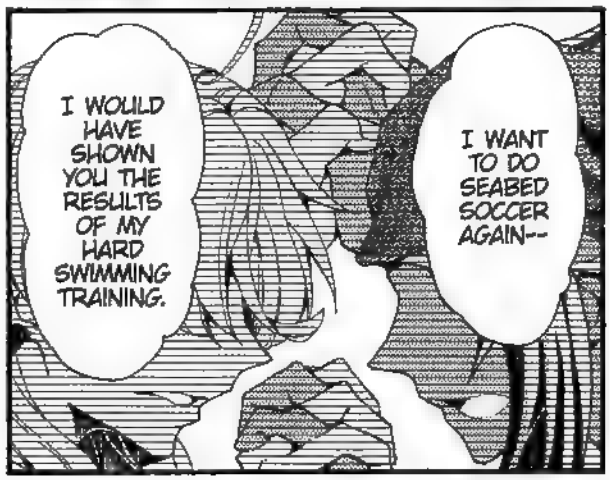
WELCOME BACK TATSUM!!!!
WOW
WAIT, REALLY?

WH... WHAT'S GOING ON...?!
I DON'T REALLY THINK THAT AT ALL!!
I...
WHAT THE HELL?! THE WORDS CAME OUT OF MY MOUTH ON THEIR OWN!!
HM...

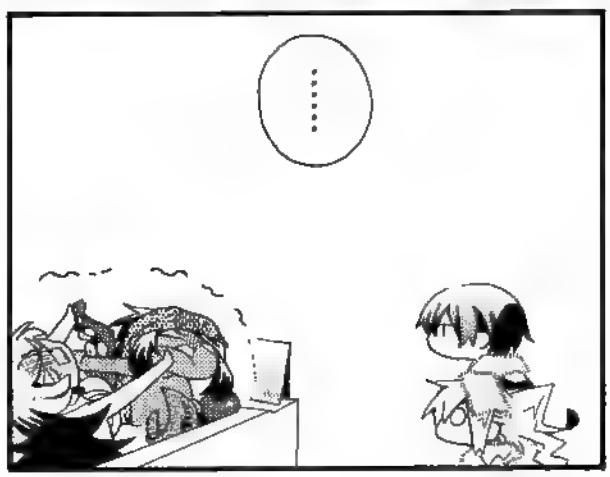

MY UNCLE WAS CONFIDENT WITH THESE "OVER-FLOWING" BATH SALTS, SO I THINK THEY'RE MAKING YOU GUYS OVERFLOW.
WITH YOUR TRUE FEELINGS.
GOOD-NESS!
IT'S PROB-ABLY THE BATH SALTS.
EMPTY


YOU'RE IMAGIN-ING THINGS.
NO, NOTH-ING.
J... JUST NOW.
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?

THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE.
ISN'T IT, WAKASA?
YOU'RE RIGHT, TATSUMI.


I WOULD HAVE SHOWN YOU THE RESULTS OF MY HARD SWIMMING TRAINING.
I WANT TO DO SEABED SOCCER AGAIN--

BOTH OF YOU SHOULD LET IT ALL FLOW~! ☆
NOW, LET IT ALL OUT!!
SNIP
SNIP
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
WAIT!
STOP IT!!
RATTLE
RATTLE



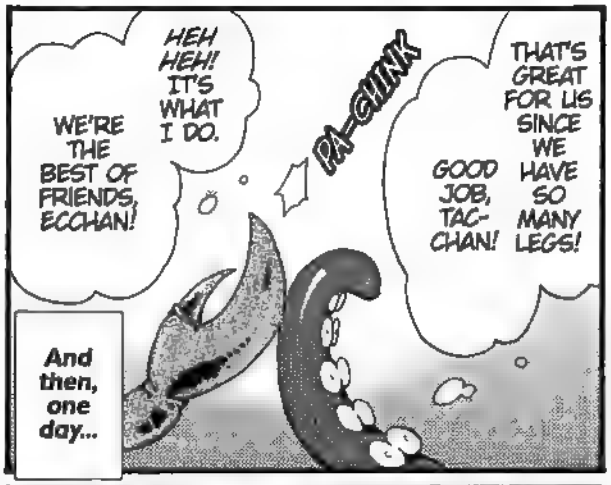
MY NAME IS WAKASA.
IT IS MY FIRST TIME HERE. PLEASE BE MY FRIEND.

HEY, ECCHAN!
ECCHA... ECHIZEN AND I WERE FRIENDS, WAY BEFORE MEETING WAKASA.
THAT'S RIGHT.
CHATTER
CHATTER
TAC-CHAN.

NO, I KNOW BETTER THINGS.
Newcomers were rare.
I KNOW SOME REALLY FUN THINGS TO DO

I FOUND A VERY RARE KIND OF BARNACLE OVER THERE~!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
WHAT KIND OF ENTERTAINMENT WILL YOU GIVE ME TODAY?

We fought over our new toy Wakasa every day.
WAKASA
WAKASA
KYAH!
KYAH!


WE'RE THE BEST OF FRIENDS, ECCHAN!
HEH HEH! IT'S WHAT I DO.
RA-GUNK
GOOD JOB, TAC-CHAN!
THAT'S GREAT FOR US SINCE WE HAVE SO MANY LEGS!
And then, one day...

COULD IT BE...
IT WAS SO MUCH FUN.
YEAH YEAH
HUH?

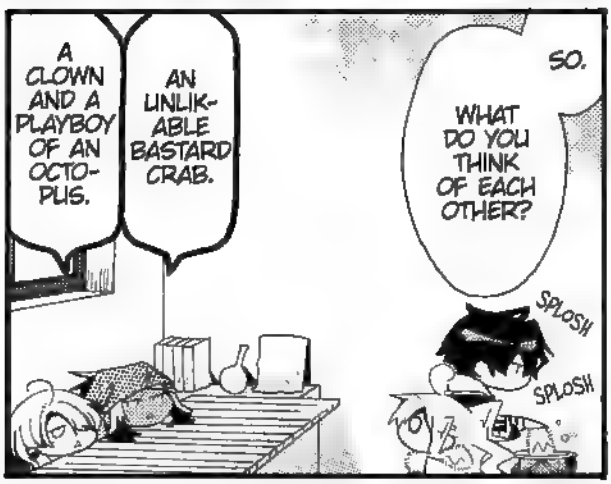
HUH?
ME?
WAKASA CAME TO US.

AND THE "BABY" DIDN'T REALIZE IT.
HUH?! THAT'S WHAT IT WAS?!!
FWIP
FWIP

A few days later.
YOU'RE PLAYING WITH HIM TOO MUCH!!

DON'T BLUSH LIKE THAT. DON'T.
IT WAS MY FAULT...?
WHAT SHOULD I DO, TATSU-MI...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO BACK OFF!! MY TIME ISN'T FREE.


A CLOWN AND A PLAYBOY OF AN OCTO-PUS.
AN UNLIK-ABLE BASTARD CRAB.
SO.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF EACH OTHER?
SPLOSH
SPLOSH

OGH
GH
GH
GH
HEY
IT HURTS WHEN YOU PULL ME LIKE THAT

I WANT TO PLAY WITH TACCHAN AGAIN.
I WANT TO MAKE UP WITH ECCHAN.
YOUR TRUE FEEL-INGS?
SLOP

A REAL SOLOMON TRIAL.
BUT THE ENDING WAS DIFFERENT.
SCREW YOU !!
HMPH.
I STILL REMEMBER IT SO CLEARLY.

BLUUUUSH
ぐあああ

YOU'RE ONE HUNDRED YEARS TOO LATE, HUMAN CHILD!!
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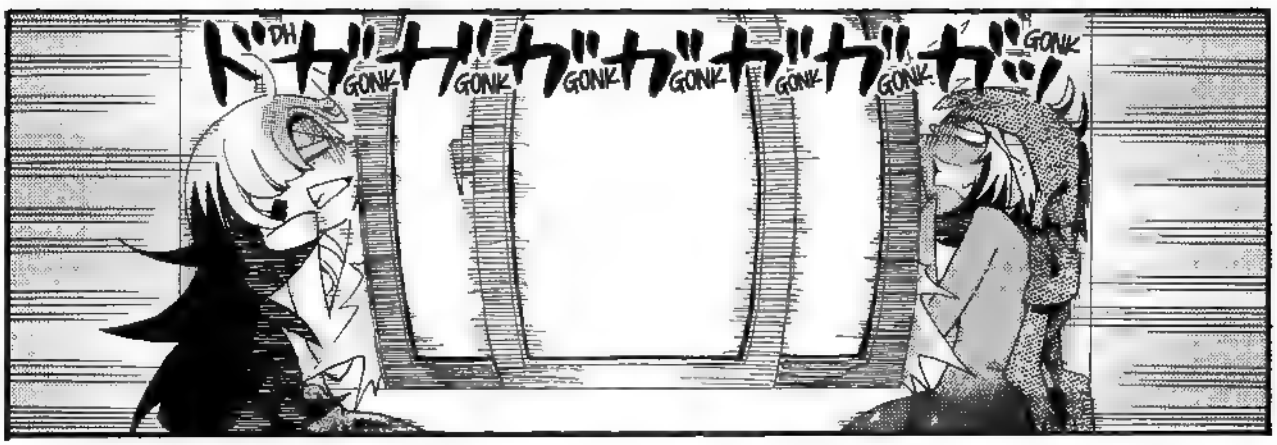
WHAM
TRYING TO DEFEAT ME WITH YOUR MAGIC TRICKS!
THESE ARE ALL LIES!!!
FORGET IT! FORGET IT!!
RAGH!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GONK
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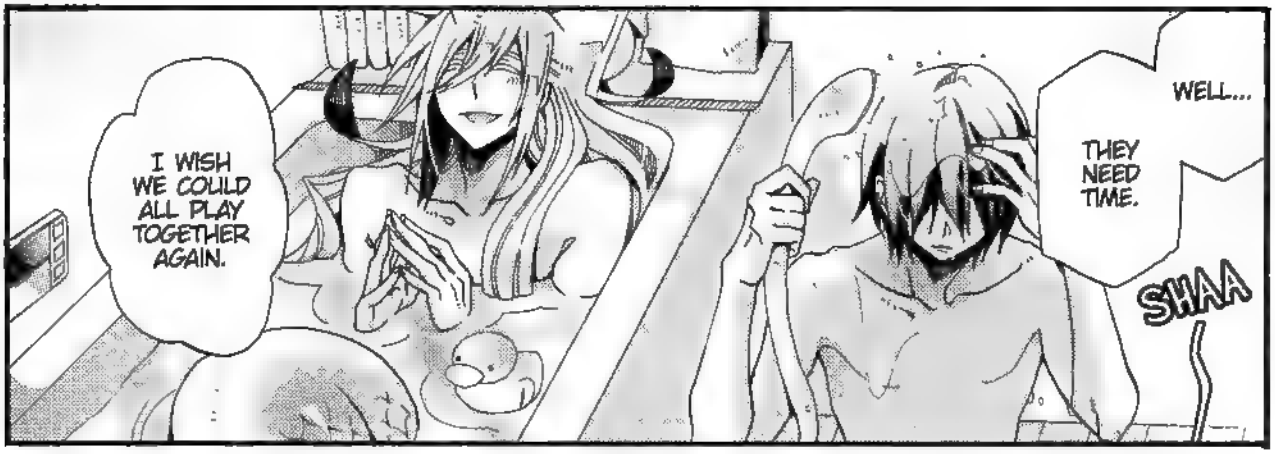
THEY'RE COMPLETELY IN SYNC.
I'M GOING FIRST!!
I'M GOING TO LEAVE FIRST!!


I WISH WE COULD ALL PLAY TOGETHER AGAIN.
WELL... THEY NEED TIME.
SHAA

NOW.
COME OVER HERE, TATSUMI! ♡
NO WAY.
DON'T YOU WANT TO EXPRESS TRUE FEEL-INGS?
SLOSH
NO. WAY.

RIGHT.
OF COURSE IT WOULDN'T WORK ON YOU. YOUR FEELINGS ARE ALL ON THE SURFACE ANYWAY.
IT OVER-FLOWED!!
ALL THANKS TO THOSE BATH SALTS!
THOSE TWO BECAME HONEST WITH EACH OTHER--
SPLAAASH

Some-times the truth hurts.
I DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR WORDS LIKE "PERVERTED OLD MAN" AND "GROSS..."
UEH...
HIC!
UEH...
SNIFF
Next Day.
I ACTUALLY THOUGHT... THERE'D BE AT LEAST ONE GIRL WHO'D LIKE ME.

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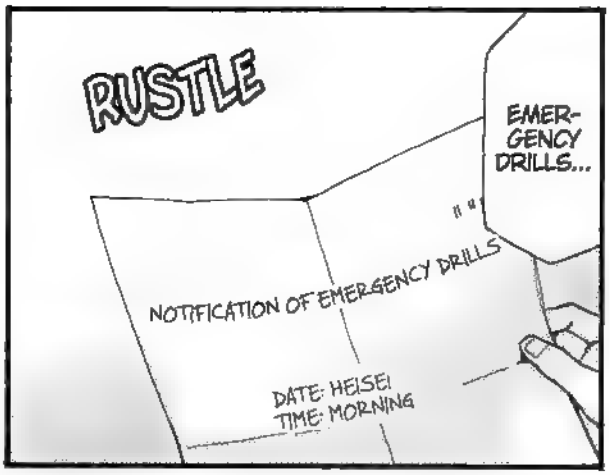
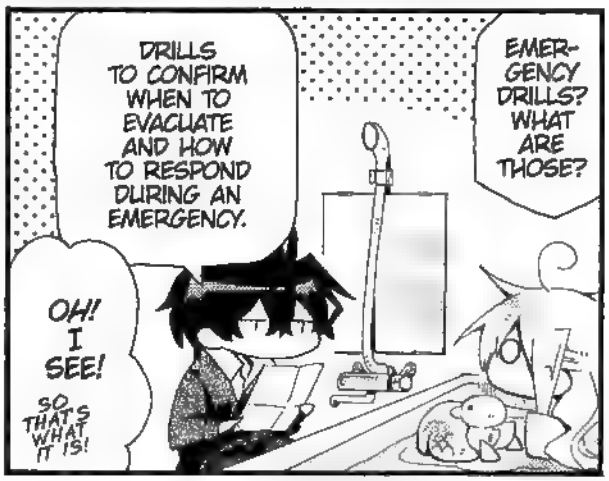
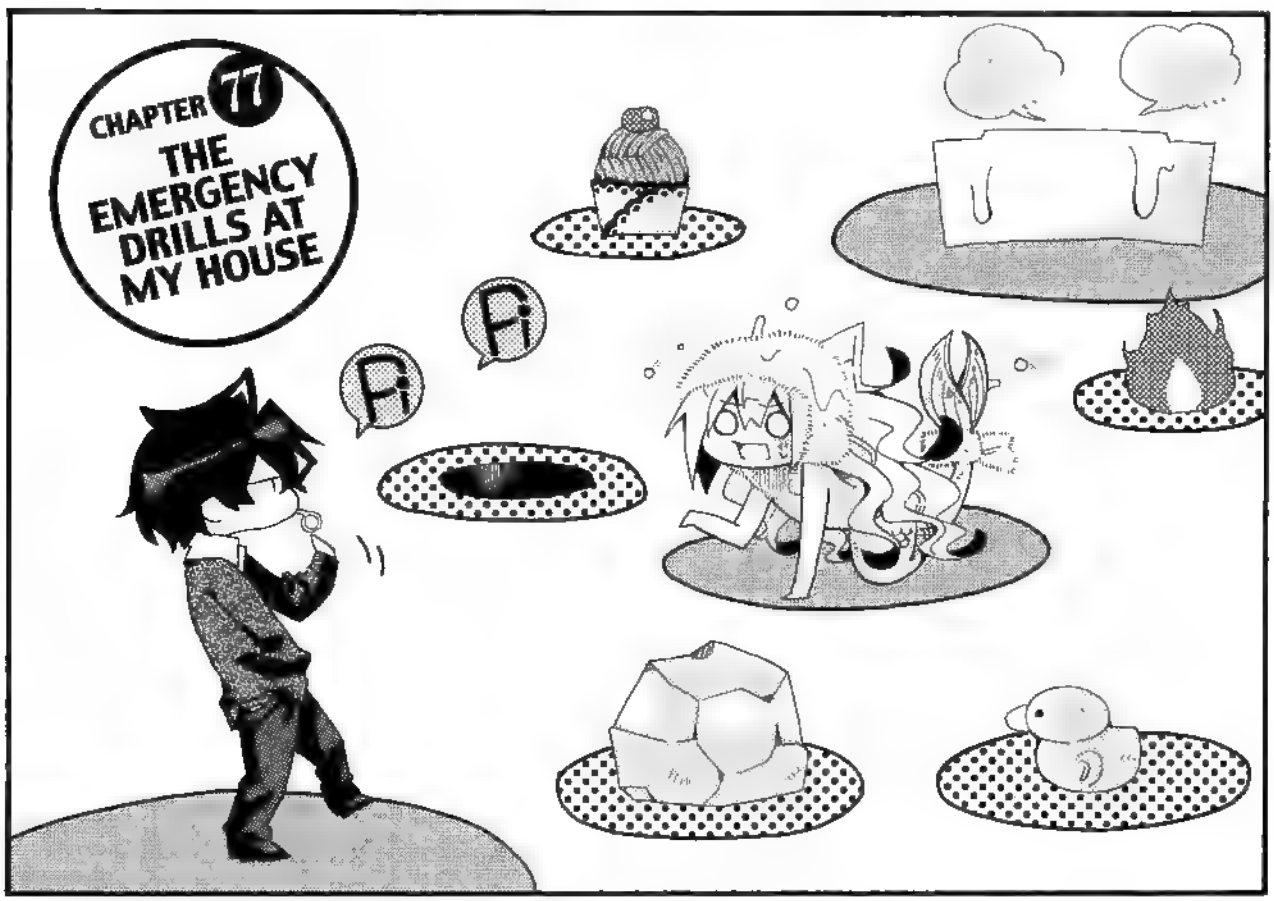
HUH ?!
BUT I HAVE MY PART-TIME JOB, SO I CAN'T GO...


RUSTLE
EMER-GENCY DRILLS...
NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY DRILLS
DATE: HEISEI
TIME: MORNING

BIG TALK FROM A GUY WHO CAN'T GET OUT OF THE TUB.
SPLISH
SPLISH
チビチビ
YOU ALWAYS SEEM SO UN-FOCUSED!!
WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT, TATSU-MI?!!


DRILLS TO CONFIRM WHEN TO EVACUATE AND HOW TO RESPOND DURING AN EMERGENCY.
EMER-GENCY DRILLS? WHAT ARE THOSE?
OH! I SEE!
SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS!


CHAPTER 77
THE EMERGENCY DRILLS AT MY HOUSE
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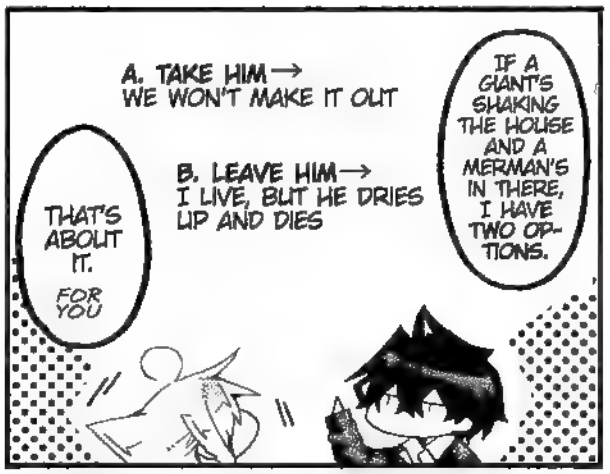
WELL...
I KNOW, TATSUMI.
SINCE YOU CAN'T GO, WE SHOULD DO EMERGENCY DRILLS RIGHT HERE!
WHAT KIND OF SCENARIO WILL WE GO WITH?
HUH...?
UHYA
HYA
HYA
OR A MAD SCIENTIST ATTACK?!
HAHAHA
A MAFIA ATTACK?
LET'S GO WITH A GIANT SHAKING THE HOUSE.
HEEK!
WAH!
KTAK!
WHAT'S THAT?! SCARY !!!
JACK AND THE BEAN-STALK?!
I SEEM TO BE SUPER-FLUOUS TO THIS CONVER-SATION.

HEY! HEY! HO!!
HO
TATSU-MI!!
LET'S FIND A SOLUTION THAT LETS BOTH OF US SURVIVE IN ANY SITUATION!


A. TAKE HIM→ WE WON'T MAKE IT OUT
B. LEAVE HIM→ I LIVE, BUT HE DRIES UP AND DIES
IF A GIANT'S SHAKING THE HOUSE AND A MERMAN'S IN THERE, I HAVE TWO OPTIONS.
THAT'S ABOUT IT. FOR YOU

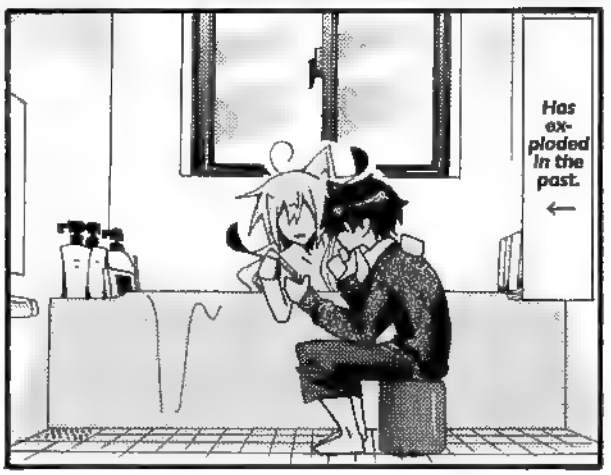
TRUDGE
COVER YOUR HEAD WITH SOMETHING.
In case of earthquake.
AND MOVE SLOWLY ALONG THE GROUND NEXT TO A WALL.
Wet rice (for humidity).
TRUDGE

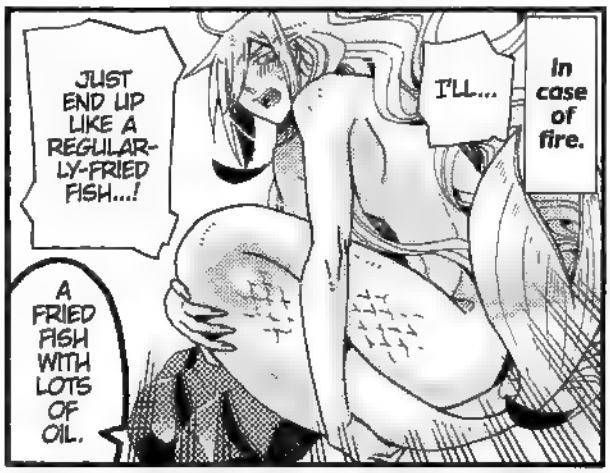
SPLISH
SPLISH
ビチビチビチ
SPLISH
THERE'S NO WAY FOR BOTH OF US TO BE SAVED?!
LIKE WEIGHING DOWN THE HOUSE OR YOU GETTING STRONGER!!!

TRUDGE
ドヴ
HM?
DO WE NEED TO EAT DONUTS NOW?

OH, THANK GOOD-NESS.♡
IT LOOKS LIKE THE BATHROOM AND BATH AREA ARE COMPARA-TIVELY SAFE.
WELL ...
TOILET
BATH
A.OK

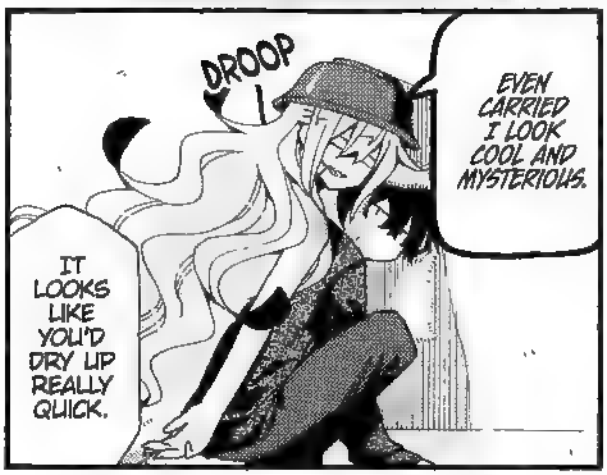
DON'TS
Don't push. Don't run. Don't talk.
SNAP
DONUTS ...?
I WANT MINE HONEY-GLAZED, THEN!!
.....
He means this!


Has ex-ploded in the past.


JUST END UP LIKE A REGULARLY-FRIED FISH...!
I'LL...
In case of fire.
A FRIED FISH WITH LOTS OF OIL.

WH-
SHIP ME OUT?!
WE'LL CHANGE IT TO: I WILL CARRY YOU AND SHIP YOU OUT.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
STAY STILL LIKE A BRONZE STATUE.
I SHOULD TAKE NOTES.

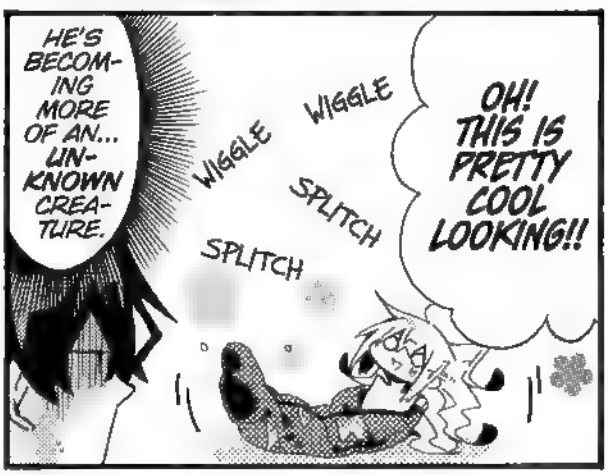
MOST FIRES COME FROM THE KITCHEN STOVE.
SO WE HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO ESCAPE.
POWK POWK


DROOP
EVEN CARRIED I LOOK COOL AND MYSTERIOUS.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'D DRY UP REALLY QUICK.

WATER GUN!
THAT'S RIGHT, WAKASA.
DO YOU HAVE ANY SKILLS?
YOU'RE A MERMAN. RIGHT?

SPLITCH

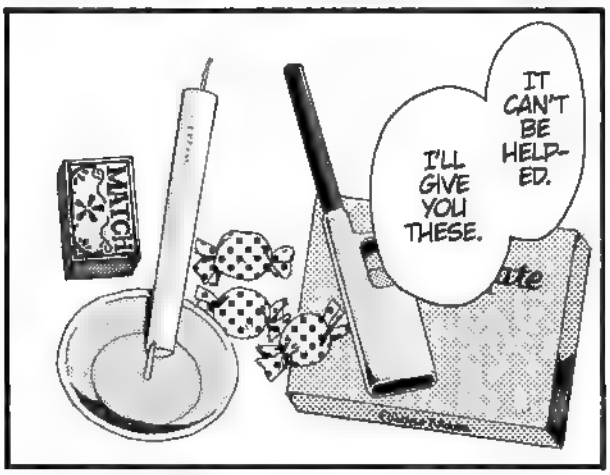
I WISH YOU COULD EVOLVE, LIKE A POKÉMON.
SPLISH
SPLISH
S... SORRY. I'M A WATER-TYPE, BUT I'M JUST A MERMAN...
I CAN SPLASH AROUND
PLAN A IS A NO GO

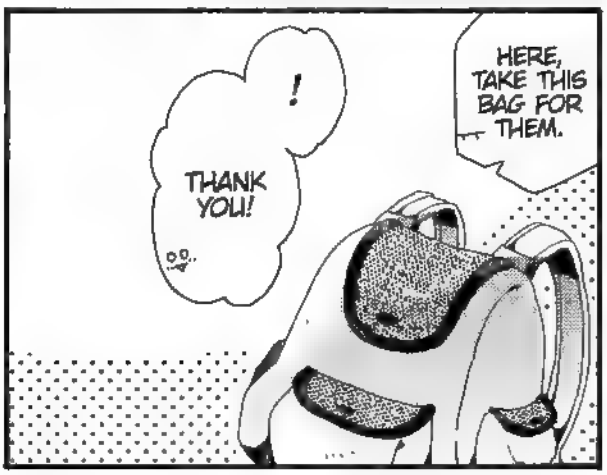

HE'S BECOMING MORE OF AN... UNKNOWN CREATURE.
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
SPLITCH
SPLITCH
OH! THIS IS PRETTY COOL LOOKING!!

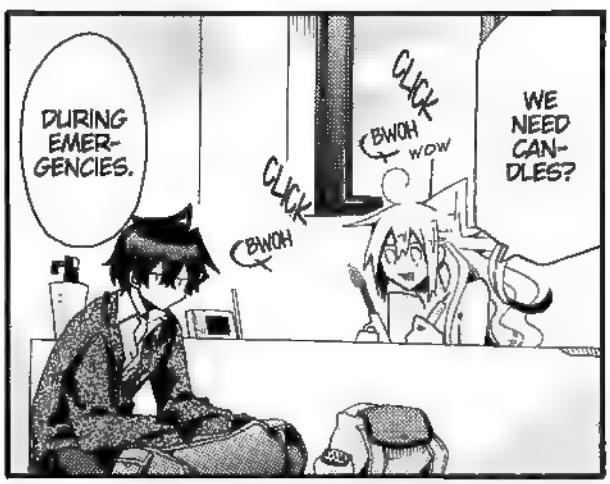
IF I STAY IN THE TUB LIKE THIS...
WON'T I BE SAFE?!
BUBU
BUBU
OH!
THEN.
BUBU
BUBU
THERE WOULD BE A FIRE AROUND THE TUB, SO YOU'D END UP A BOILED FISH.
GA!!CHAK
ガ!!チャ
SPLASH
STEAM
...
ガぼん!!
SHOCK
STEAM
DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND !!!
1-10

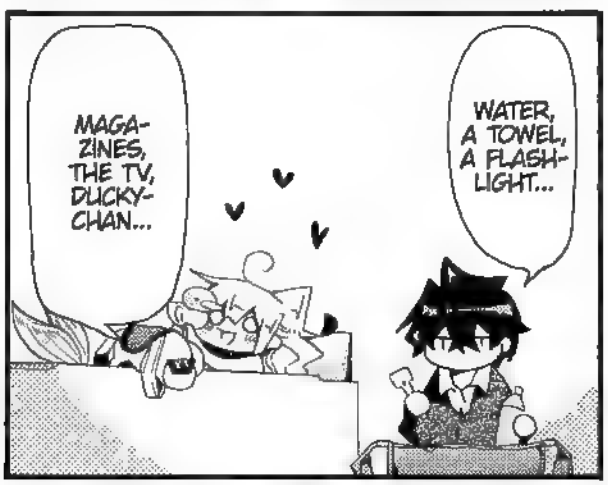
.....
DROOP...
BUT THIS IS ALL I HAVE...

THAT'S SURPRISINGLY LOGICAL OF YOU.
GASP!!
MY VALUABLES!!
I HAVE TO MAKE SURE WHAT TO BRING WITH ME WHEN THAT HAPPENS!!


MATCH
I'LL GIVE YOU THESE.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.


!
THANK YOU!
HERE, TAKE THIS BAG FOR THEM.


DURING EMERGENCIES.
CLICK
BWOH
CLICK
BWOH
WOW
WE NEED CANDLES?


MAGAZINES, THE TV, DUCKY-CHAN...
WATER, A TOWEL, A FLASHLIGHT...

DON'T PLAY AROUND.
I LIT IT UP EASILY!!
EVEN I CAN DO IT!!
WOW!
ZIP

B-BUT THISH IS ALL I-I'VE...
TUUUUG
WE'RE NOT GOING ON A PICNIC, ARE WE?

OUR PREPARATIONS ARE PERFECT!!
RIGHT!!

IT'S DARK AND CROWDED IN TH--
GA-CHAK
YOU SHOULD STAY OUTSIDE, DUCKY-CHAN.
TONK

JEEZ, TATSUMI. PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER.
HM? HUNH ...
COME TO THINK OF IT, DID WE HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER...?

BWOOSH
AH...
AAA-AAH ...!!!
SIZZLE
FLICKER

HM...?
IT SMELLS LIKE SOMETHING IS BURNING
SNIFF
HUH? COULD THIS BE WHAT I JUST LEARNED ABOUT...?!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?! TATSUMI IS GOING TO BE MAD...!!!
HEEEK!!
FLICKER
FLICKER
AAAAH! IT'S BURNING...!!
PANIC

OH! THAT'S RIGHT...
WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO AGAIN...?
U-U-U-UM!

WRONG!! IT'S DON'TS !!
AS IN DON'T SET THE PLACE ON FIRE!!
EAT HONEY-GLAZED DONUTS!!
Please don't try this at home.

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CHAPTER 78

THE SANTA AT MY HOUSE

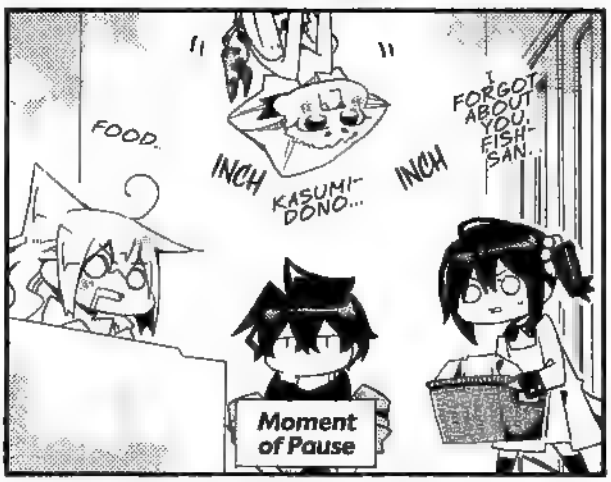
BIG BROTHER-ER.
SNEAK
IT'S GOOD

BIG BROTHER!! WHY DON'T THE TWO OF US CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS TOGETHER? ♡♡
BIG BROTHER!! LET US DO CHRISTMAS TOGETH-ER!!
TATSUMI!! LET'S DO CHRIST-MAS!!
One Hour Ear-lier.
DA-DAAAN!!!

HE BELIEVES IN SANTA!!
I WOULD LIKE TO BORROW SOME SOCKS FOR THE NIGHT.
BING

FREEZE

I WROTE HIM A LETTER ABOUT WHAT I WANTED.
EMBARRASSED


FOOD.
INCH
KASUMI-DONO...
INCH
I FORGOT ABOUT YOU, FISH-SAN.
Moment of Pause

TATSUMI IS GOING TO PLAY SANTA THIS YEAR, TOO...!
BIG BROTHER, YOU KNOW A LOT!!
AS EXPECTED!!
IT SEEMS THAT SHORT SOCKS ARE THE TREND NOWADAYS.

IT'S LIKE A KINDER-GARTEN CHRIST-MAS PARTY.
KYA KYA
CHATTER CHATTER
MY MEAT!
SO DELI-CIOUS! MARRY ME!
YOU GUYS SHOULD BE A LITTLE MORE CONSID-ERATE
OKAY, NEXT PLATE.

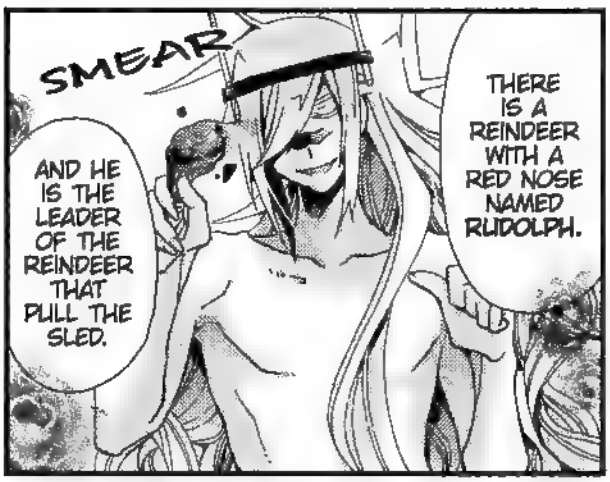
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THEN YOU PREPARE AND LEAVE COOKIES AND MILK FOR HIM...
YOU PUT A LETTER IN A SOCK.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WORK
WORK
DO YOU NOT KNOW?
I'M WRITING TO SANTA.
SANTA'S NOT REAL.
YOU'RE SUCH A CHILD
WHA...?!

C-CAN...
YOU SAY WHAT HE'S LIKE...?

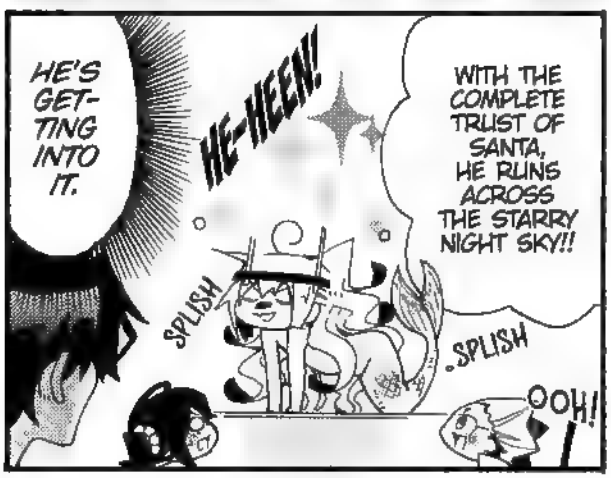
I WAS TOLD HE WAS!!
NO, HE ISN'T!!
HE-
HE-
HE'S REAL !!
OH NO!
WHO TOLD YOU!!

GRAB
M...
MY, MY.
YOU DON'T KNOW?

HM?
WA-KASA !!
REALLY, FISH-SAN?!
HUHH ?!


SMEAR
THERE IS A REINDEER WITH A RED NOSE NAMED RUDOLPH.
AND HE IS THE LEADER OF THE REINDEER THAT PULL THE SLED.

WELL ...
GLANCE
UM...
GLANCE
OF...


HE'S GET-TING INTO IT.
HE-HEEN!
WITH THE COMPLETE TRUST OF SANTA, HE RUNS ACROSS THE STARRY NIGHT SKY!!
SPLISH
SPLISH
OOH!

NO WAY !!
SEE!!
The moment he became an adult.
OF COURSE HE'S REAL!!

R...
REINDEER ARE SMART AND STRONG.
THEY CAN DO ANY-THING !!
SIRMAIN
SOMETIMES HE EVEN RIDES DIRECTLY ON THE REINDEER TO GET THERE A LITTLE FASTER.

YES?
YES?
ON THAT SLED IS A MOUNTAIN OF PRESENTS...
AND THE KIND AND GENEROUS SANTA...

PUSH
PUSH
PUSH
IS THAT SO?

JERK PASSED IT ON TO ME!
RIGHT ...
TATSUMI ?!

SO SANTA REALLY IS REAL.
GLOW

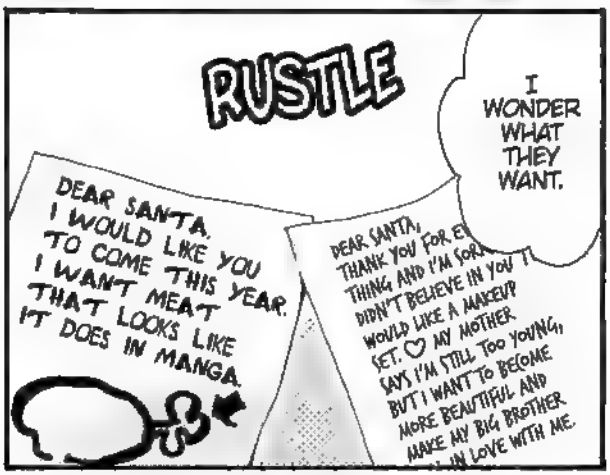
HE'S AN AMAZING OLD MAN WHO PASSES OUT PRESENTS TO KIDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
I'M PRETTY SURE HE HAS A BEARD LIKE THIS.
Y... YEAH.

They were able to protect the secret.
I'LL GIVE YOU THE OTHER HALF OF THE SOCKS!
YEAH.
I'LL WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA, TOO
IT IS FINE!!
I'M SORRY, STAR-FISH-SAN.
YEAH.
AAH

OH, LATELY, IT SEEMS HE ENTERS THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR OF MANY HOUSES.
BUT THERE AREN'T ANY HOUSES WITH CHIMNEYS AROUND HERE.
I KNOW !! HE ENTERS THROUGH THE CHIMNEY!!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.

I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT OUT...!!
I WAS ABLE TO GET THE LETTERS.
TINGLE
TINGLE

WE WERE ABLE TO PROTECT THE DREAMS OF CHIL-DREN.
THANK GOOD-NESS...
THOUGH, NOT WITHOUT COST TO OUR-SELVES.


RUSTLE
I WONDER WHAT THEY WANT.
DEAR SANTA, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO COME THIS YEAR. I WANT MEAT THAT LOOKS LIKE IT DOES IN MANGA.
DEAR SANTA, THANK YOU FOR EV THING AND I'M SOR DIDN'T BELIEVE IN YOU WOULD LIKE A MAKEUP SET. ♡ MY MOTHER SAYS I'M STILL TOO YOUNG, BUT I WANT TO BECOME MORE BEAUTIFUL AND MAKE MY BIG BROTHER IN LOVE WITH ME.

YAWN...
THE HARD PART IS AFTER GETTING THEM TO SLEEP.

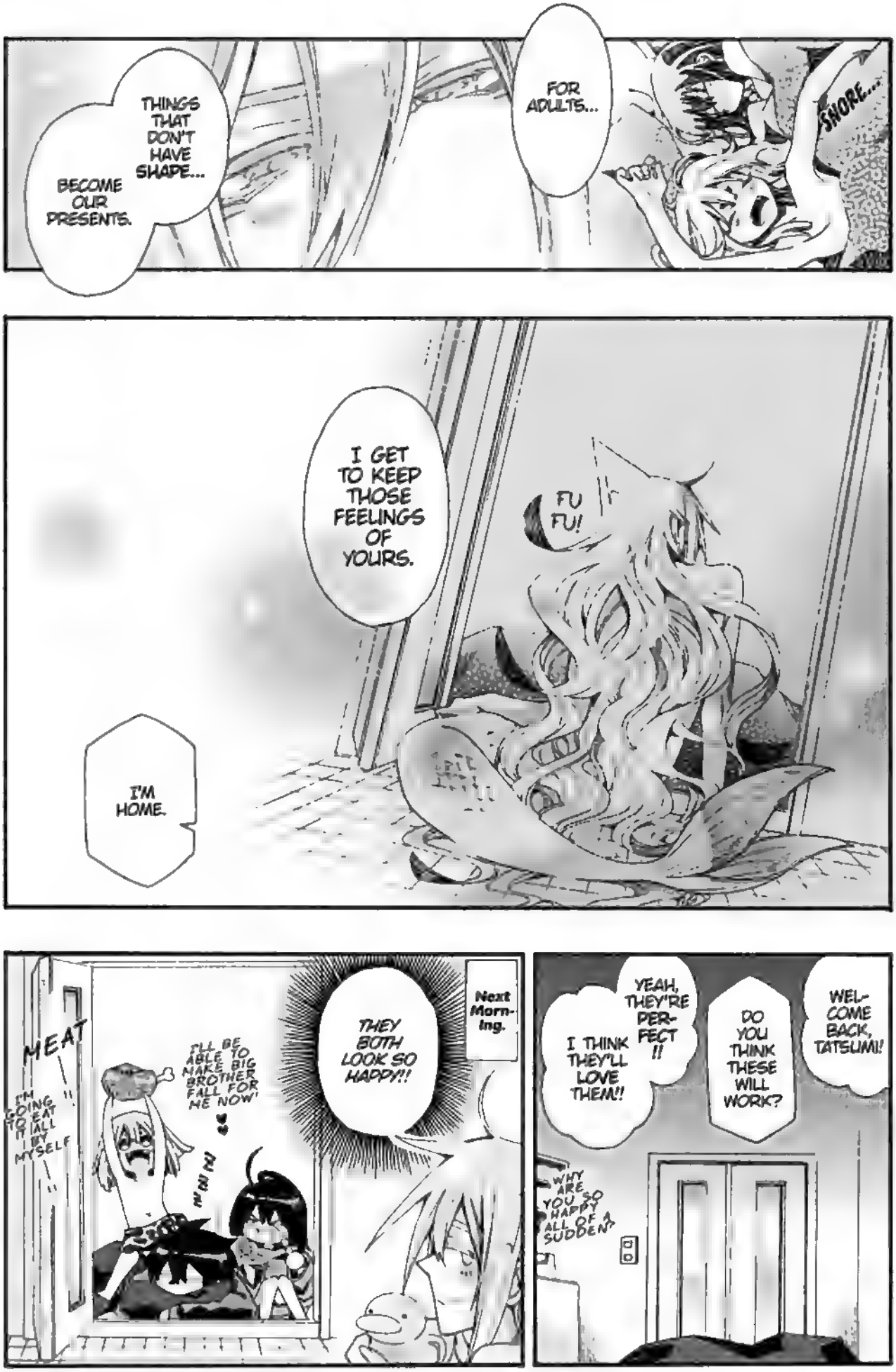
9 P.M.

COME ON.
IF YOU DON'T GO TO BED, SANTA CAN'T COME.
I WANT TO SLEEP NEXT TO HIM!
HUH? ONLY IF BIG BROTHER IS WITH ME!
HM?
PULL
PULL

Going shop-ping is Santa's job.
DASH
SPLISH
SPLISH
COME BACK SOON!
I'M GOING OUT.
WE STILL HAVE TIME.

HM?
ZZZ
ZZZ

!!!
PRES-
ENT...
OH.
JUST SLEEP TALK.
WHEW!
YES YES WHAT IS IT?
SANTA-SAN, I...
MMN.
U... N...
BIG BROTH-ER...?
GASP!
SHE'S WAKING UP!
HUH?
SO THE ADULTS CAN HAVE PRESENTS, TOO...?
CAN WE SPLIT MY PRES-ENT...
THEY'LL BE LONELY IF WE LEAVE THEM OUT.
BIG BROTHER AND FISH-SAN ARE ALSO BEING GOOD...


FOR ADULTS...
SNORE...
THINGS THAT DON'T HAVE SHAPE...
BECOME OUR PRESENTS.
FU FU!
I GET TO KEEP THOSE FEELINGS OF YOURS.
I'M HOME.
Next Morning.
THEY BOTH LOOK SO HAPPY!!
MEAT
I'M GOING TO EAT IT ALL BY MYSELF
I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE BIG BROTHER FALL FOR ME NOW!
NOM NOM
WELCOME BACK, TATSUMI!
DO YOU THINK THESE WILL WORK?
YEAH, THEY'RE PERFECT!!
I THINK THEY'LL LOVE THEM!!
WHY ARE YOU SO HAPPY ALL OF A SUDDEN?

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I KNOW, BECAUSE I'VE BEEN FRIENDS WITH HIM A LONG TIME.
RIGHT NOW, HE'S...

HEY. WAKE UP, YOU TWO.
DEFINITELY WORRYING ABOUT SOME-THING!!

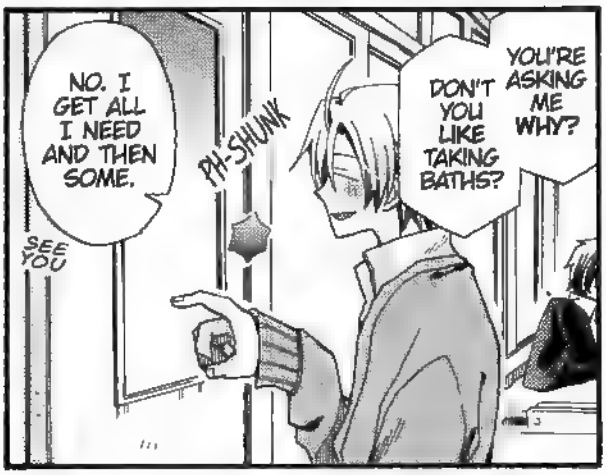
TATSU-MI HAS BEEN ACTING WEIRD.

CHAPTER 79
SOUSUKE WORRIES ABOUT TATSUMI

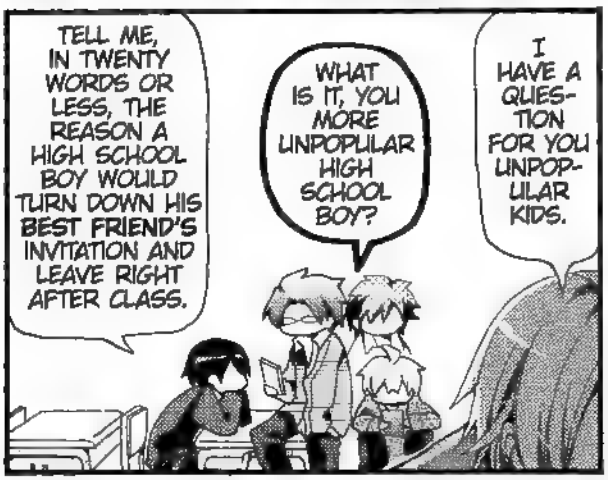
BUT WHAT'S EATING AT HIM?
.....
THAT FACE...
HE LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WHO BROKE HIS SHOELACES AND IS WONDERING IF HE COULD STILL USE THEM.
IT'S THE EXPRESSION SOMEONE MAKES WHEN THEY SCRATCH THEIR BLUE PHONE AND THINK OF COLORING IT IN WITH BLACK MAGIC MARKER...!
.....
OH.
NO, IT'S CHANGED!
MMMGH!
よき
BE-CAUSE HE HAS SHORT NAILS!
NO, IT'S THE FACE OF SOMEONE WHO CAN'T GET HIS LUNCHBOX OPEN...!!

THEN LET'S GO TO THE PUBLIC BATH ON THE WAY HOME!!
WHY?
ARE YOU A RETIRED OLD MAN?

BIING BOONG BEENG
TAT-SUMI !!
I SHOULD NONCHALANTLY ASK HIM HOW HE'S DOING!


YOU'RE ASKING ME WHY?
DON'T YOU LIKE TAKING BATHS?
PH-SHUNK
NO. I GET ALL I NEED AND THEN SOME.
SEE YOU

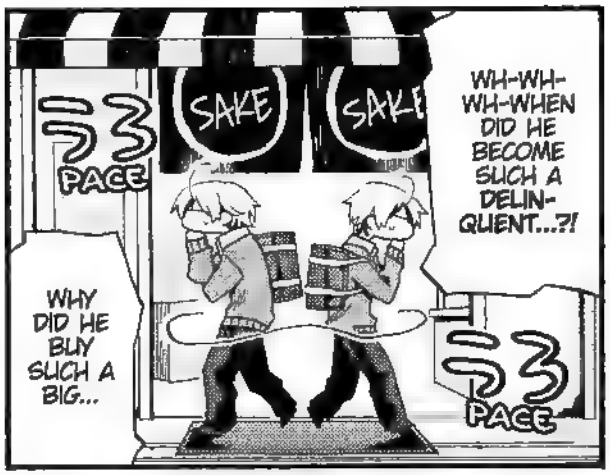
WHAT?
I HAVE A NEW GAME~!
LET'S PLAY TWO-PLAYER!


I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU UNPOPULAR KIDS.
WHAT IS IT, YOU MORE UNPOPULAR HIGH SCHOOL BOY?
TELL ME, IN TWENTY WORDS OR LESS, THE REASON A HIGH SCHOOL BOY WOULD TURN DOWN HIS BEST FRIEND'S INVITATION AND LEAVE RIGHT AFTER CLASS.

NO.
SLICE
I'M FINE.

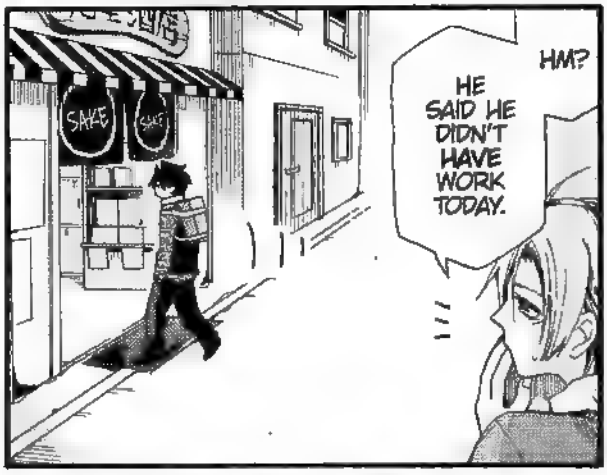
ISN'T THAT QUESTION WORDED WRONG TO BEGIN WITH?
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU'RE HIS BEST FRIEND?
I HATE YOU GUYS!!
DASH
BLIP
BLIP

SOUSUKE IS WHINING AGAIN.
I DON'T WANT TO BE LEFT OUT!
LET'S PLAY.
I NEVER GET TIRED OF WATCHING HIM.


SAKE
SAKE
PACE
PACE
WH-WH-WH-WHEN DID HE BECOME SUCH A DELIN-QUENT...?!
WHY DID HE BUY SUCH A BIG...

I'LL INVESTI-GATE HIM ON MY OWN!!
FINE!
SNEAK
SNEAK

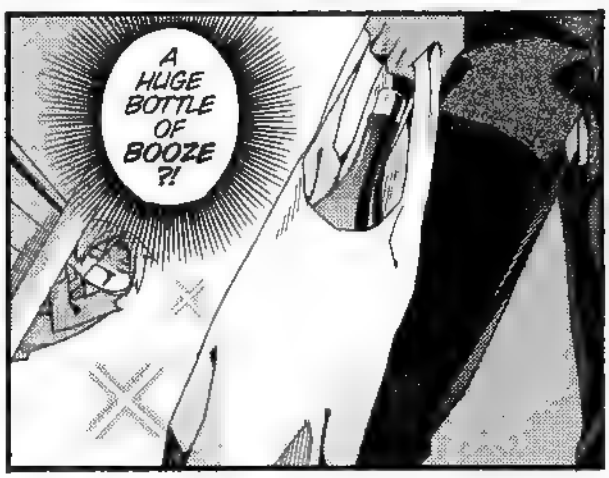
DUH-
WHAT BUSINESS DOES A SCHOOL UNIFORM HAVE HERE?
HM?
DUUUH


SAKE
HM?
HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE WORK TODAY.

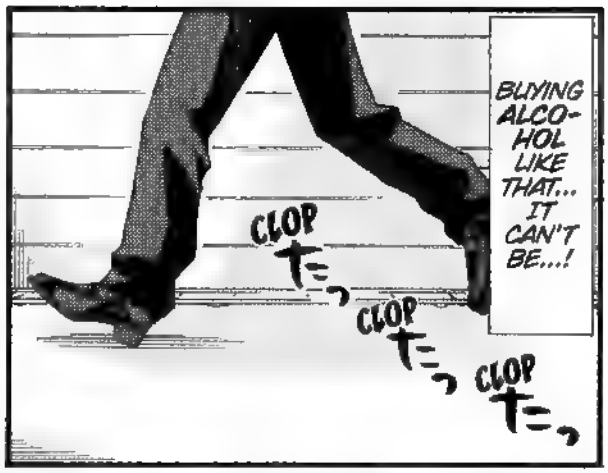
HM?
YOU'RE TATSUMI'S FRIEND?
UM AH
N... NO, UM...!
I SAW TATSUMI-KUN JUST A SECOND AGO...

DING
RUSTLE

I'M SCARED OF MY BIG SISTERS FINDING OUT!!
NO, I'M FINE!!
WANT TO DRINK?
KIDS NOWA-DAYS ARE SO STRICT.
SHWUP


A HUGE BOTTLE OF BOOZE?!

HUH?
BIG BROTH-ER?
NOTHING'S REALLY CHANGED LATELY.
WHY?


BUYING ALCO-HOL LIKE THAT... IT CAN'T BE...!
CLOP
たっ
CLOP
たっ
CLOP
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HUH? BUT THIS IS SUSPI-CIOUS.!
BLAH BLAB BLAH...
BLAH WORRY BLAH BLAH BLAH ... ALCO-HOL...

SAKE RIGHT AFTER CLASS IS SO FREAKIN' GOOD
HEH HEH HEH
EVENING DRINKING EVEN THOUGH HE'S A HIGH SCHOOL KID?!

NO.
EVEN ONCE BIG BROTHER REACHES DRINKING AGE, HE WOULDN'T GO DOWN THE PATH OF ALCOHOL.
HE KNOWS NOTHING COMES OF IT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D WALK DOWN THAT PATH.
WHAT MADE YOU BECOME THIS W--

HE SMELLS THE SAME AS USUAL. I DON'T THINK THAT ALCOHOL IS FOR DRINKING. HE MUST HAVE ANOTHER NEED FOR IT TODAY.
KASUMI-CHAN?!
SNIFF

THERE'S NO WAY I'D SURVIVE SEEING MY BIG BROTHER ONLY ONCE A MONTH.
KASUMI-CHAN!!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
TODAY IS A WEEKDAY.
WHIP
SHH..
IT'S A SECRET!

I'M USELESS TO HIM IF IT'S ABOUT A GIRL-FRIEND!!
No girl-friend. →
IT ALWAYS SEEMS LIVELY OVER THERE.
HUH?
I'LL JUST HAVE TO ASK THE NEIGH-BORS!
BUT IF I ASK MY SISTERS ABOUT IT...
SLURP
WE SHOULD HAVE EATEN HIM UP WHEN HE WAS SINGLE
EH. IT'S STILL NOT-TOO LATE
OOH SOMEONE CLAIMED HIM?
THEY'D POUNCE ON HIM.
I SEE...
OH.
BUT SOMETIMES WE CAN HEAR ANGRY YELLING.
NO, NO. I'M NOT USELESS JUST BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND!!
I HAVE SOME KNOWL-EDGE OF GIRLS!!
THE LIGHTS ARE ON LATE EVERY NIGHT. ♡
JUST BETWEEN US.
OF COURSE. THE VOICES TOO
TURN
RIGHT! I HAVE AN IDEA ABOUT HIS PROBLEM NOW!
ALL THAT I DON'T KNOW...
IS HOW TO MAKE HIM TALK--!
TATSU-MI...! YOU...!
GOOD-NESS!
HE TAKES SUCH LONG BATHS EVEN THOUGH HE'S SO YOUNG. ♡♡
CHATTER
CHATTER

SIGH...
GRAB
HEY.
WAIT!!
!
SOUSUKE?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ARGH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

DON'T MAKE SUCH A BORING FACE!!
I'LL LISTEN, SO TELL ME WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU!!
YOU'LL FEEL A LITTLE BETTER!!

I DO HAVE A QUESTION TO ASK YOU.
YEAH! HM? ASK ME?

IT BOTHERS ME WHEN YOU WORRY ON YOUR OWN.
WHY AM I GETTING SO WORKED UP ANYWAY?!
SOU-SUKE...
HMPH!

HE WAS THINKING ABOUT HIS DINNER?!
WHAT THE HELL?!
BLUUUUUSH
I FINALLY BOUGHT SOME GOOD COOKING WINE; BUT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE I SHOULD DO.
STEWED PORK BLOCKS OR SIMMERED TRIPE. WHICH DO YOU THINK IS BETTER?

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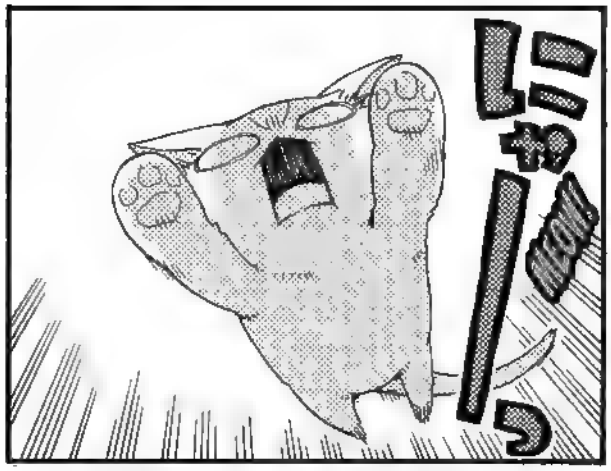
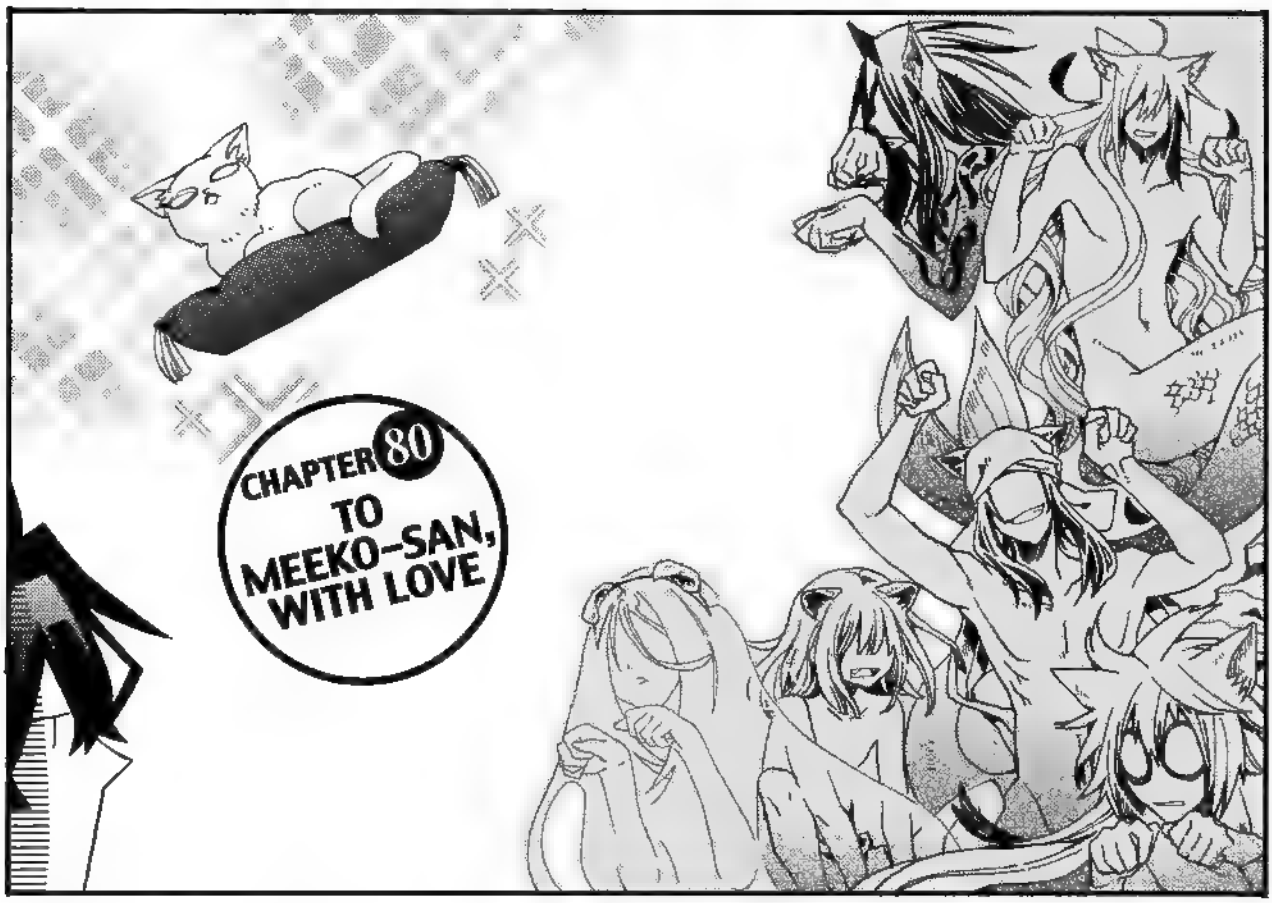

ニャー!
MEOW!

TAP TAP
KURA-YAMA-SAN.
OH...
TATSUMI-KUN!

WE'RE TAKING CARE OF HER WHILE HER OWNER IS AWAY.
SHU-TAH
CYALEAK!
TONK
MEEKOISAAAN?!
SPLISH SPLISH SPLISH
ビチビチビチ

NO PAUSE
I'LL DO IT.
WELL THAT IS...
UM, I HAVE A BIT OF A REQUEST...


CHAPTER 80
TO MEEKO-SAN, WITH LOVE

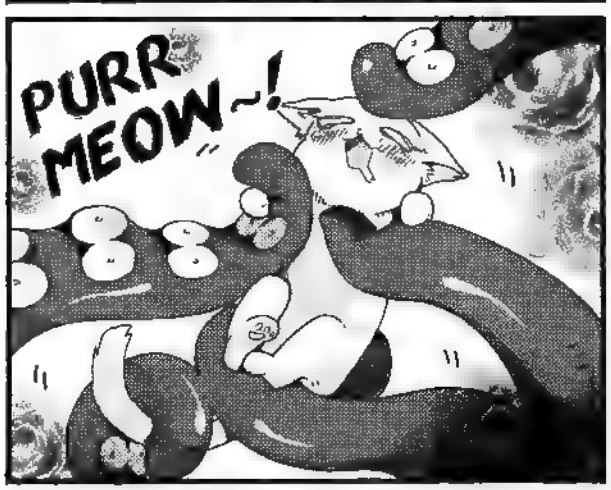
YO!!
I CAME OVER TO HANG OUT-NYA~!!
RATTLE
I...
I NEVER THOUGHT THE DAY I'D SEE YOU AGAIN...
DROOO...
WOULD EVER COME...!
I THOUGHT CATS FORGOT ABOUT PEOPLE RIGHT AWAY.
BUT THEY REMEMBER PRETTY WELL.
HUH ...?!
BA-THUMP
SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF
Probably how he smells.
?!!

MEEKO-SAN IS REALLY HATING THIS.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER LIKE THAT
NYAOW!
RUB
RUB
YOU GUYS EVEN BROUGHT A REAL CAT. YOU GUYS ARE EXCITED ABOUT THIS!!

KER-PLUNK
TA...
TAKASU ...?!
THE EARS? ON TOP OF A BANDANA? HIS AGE?
WHAT SHOULD I ASK ABOUT FIRST?

LOUD AND TEMPER-AMENTAL?
NYAAU!
LOOK, I'M THE SAME AS YOU!
WELL THEN, DO YOU LIKE THIS?!
SERI-OUSLY ?!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, I'M NOT SCARY!!

SHAKE
HM?
THAT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY ENDING WORDS IN "NYA"?!
ACTING LIKE AN ANIME CAT!
SHAKE


PURR
MEOW~!

FEBRUARY 22ND IS CAT DAY, RIGHT?
SO I'M CELEBRA-TING.

SO HIGH. SO HIGH!
Amazed by the skills of a playboy.
SPLISH
SPLISH

I FEEL A "WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME" STARE.
.....
NYA!
AH. I MEAN CELE-BRA-TING-NYA!
STARE

IF YOU PUT ON A CAT ACT, SHE MIGHT STOP HUNTING YOU.
CATS DON'T HUNT THEIR OWN
MEEOW?
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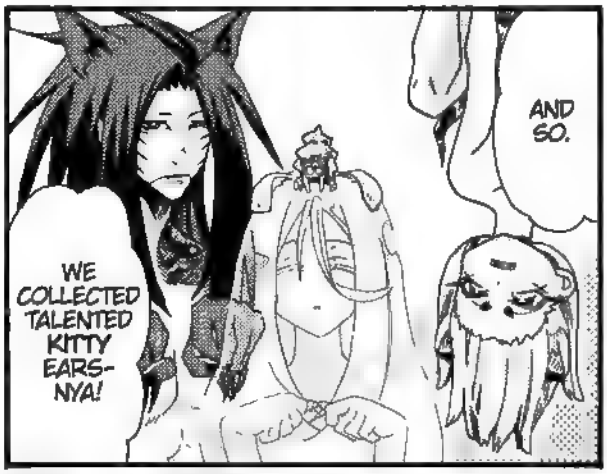
WITCH

HERE.
ONE FOR YOU, TOO.
HUH ?!
WHY SHOULD I ACT LIKE MY NATURAL ENEMY?!

THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHIMERA...?!
WIGGLE-NYAN!
SPLISH-NYAN!

I SEE, NYAN! ♡


AND SO.
WE COLLECTED TALENTED KITTY EARS-NYA!

WHO KNOWS?
I'VE BECOME A CAT
SO, WHAT SHOULD WE DO NYAOW?

GORO-MARU FORGOT TO END HIS SEN-TENCE-NYA.
MINUS ONE POINT.
I...
I WILL BE THE BEST CAT HERE!!
SHU-TAP!

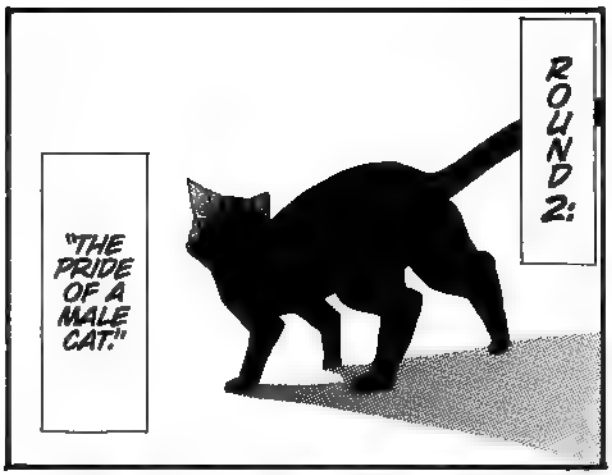
HEY, STOP ...THAT.
MAYBE WE NEED TO JUST NYAN-NYAN THE WHOLE DAY-NYA?

TATSUMI IS THE LAST-NYA.
RAISE
MMGH!
HE HATES TO LOSE

WHY DON'T WE HAVE A KING OF MALE CATS COMPETITION THAT MEETS HER STANDARDS?!
OH!! THAT SOUNDS FUN!!
OH.
SINCE MEEKO-SAN IS HERE...

SERIOUSLY! WE'RE DEPEND-ING ON YOU-NYA !!
HE'S SO SERI-OUS ABOUT IT!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
I HAVE TO DECIDE WHICH TOMCAT IS DESERVING OF MEEKO-SAN.
THE JUDGE

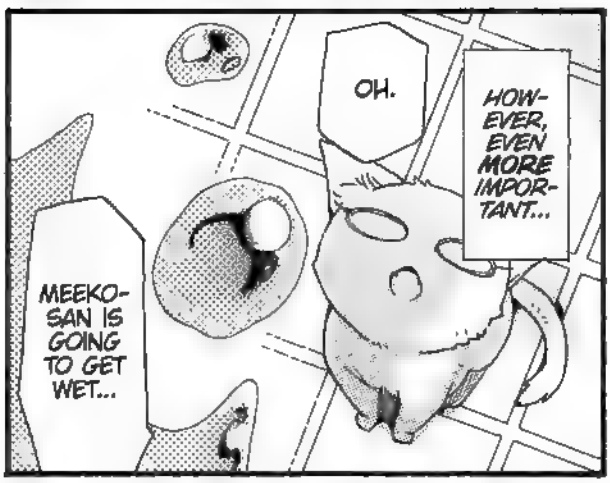
BUT WAIT... A CONTEST BETWEEN JUST THE TWO OF US?!

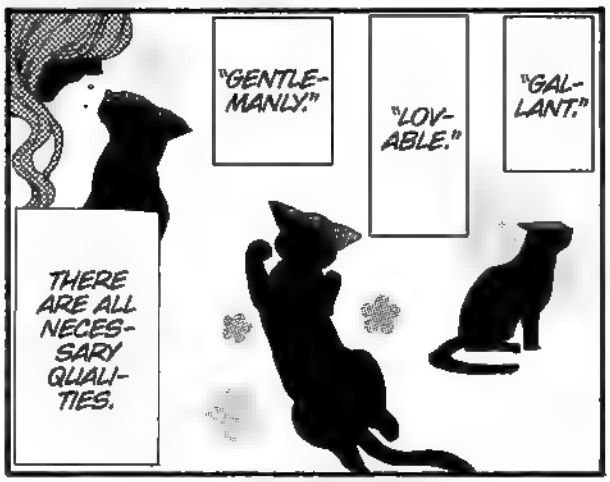

ROUND 2:
"THE PRIDE OF A MALE CAT."

AND THUS, THE BATTLE BEGINS.

EVEN AFTER GETTING INTO WATER (WHICH YOU HATE) MERITS POINTS.
AS A CAT, HOW WILD AND MANLY YOU ARE...
ビシャ SPLASH

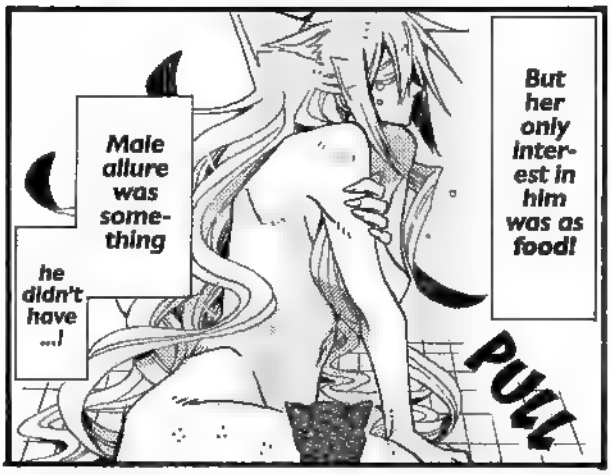
ROUND 1:
"LIKE A CAT."


MEEKO-SAN IS GOING TO GET WET...
OH.
HOW-EVER, EVEN MORE IMPOR-TANT...

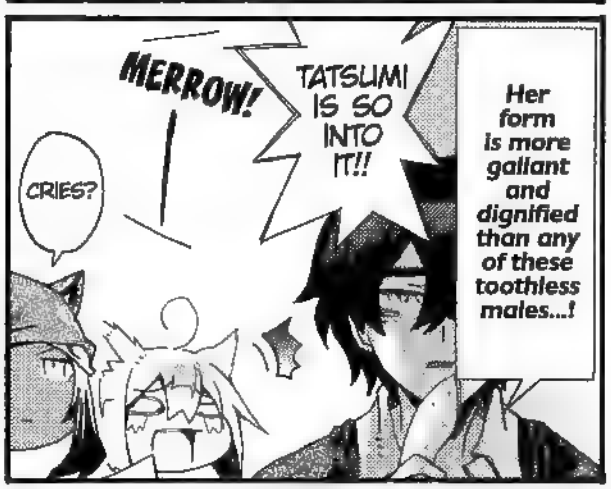

THERE ARE ALL NECES-SARY QUALI-TIES.
"GENTLE-MANLY."
"LOV-ABLE."
"GAL-LANT."

OH.
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE CAN'T SEE HIM.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT-NYA?
UM.
...IS THE ABILITY TO PRO-TECT.
CATS DON'T HAVE GREAT DAY VISION.
?!
?!

A SINGLE MER-LION IS IN THE MIX.
NYAOW


But her only interest in him was as food!
Male allure was something he didn't have ...!
PULL

HEH.
Meeko scoffs at the sight of him!
So desirably cold!
Cold!


MERROW!
TATSUMI IS SO INTO IT!!
CRIES?
Her form is more gallant and dignified than any of these toothless males...!

FWUP
FROM OUTSIDE ...?!
WHO DARES TO JUMP IN AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!

ROUND 3:
AND ROUND 4:
WAHHH
DIGNITY
COOR-DINATION.
TWITCH
COMK
COMK
The battle grows more intense.

I HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN MY BRIDE
BITE
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S KNOWN ME LONGER!
The type that likes newcomers-nya.
SHE'S NOT ATTRACTED TO ME AT ALL...!

THEN ...
WHAT ABOUT THIS?!
Showing his abs in a desperate pose.

MEOW!
THAT'S NOT FAIR, WAKASA!!
OF COURSE SHE WOULD TAKE THAT BAIT!!
HEEK! SHE'S SO SCARY!!
HE'S SO BRAVE! I COULD NEVER DO THAT...!

RUSTLE
RATTLE

にゃはーん
NYA-MEOW
YOU HAVE TOO MUCH COMPETITION. WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO WIN HER HEART FOR HOURS...
SORRY, STRAY-KUN.
TOO BAD.
CHUCKLE

FIDGET
FIDGET
WITHDRAW...
It seems the real thing is number one.

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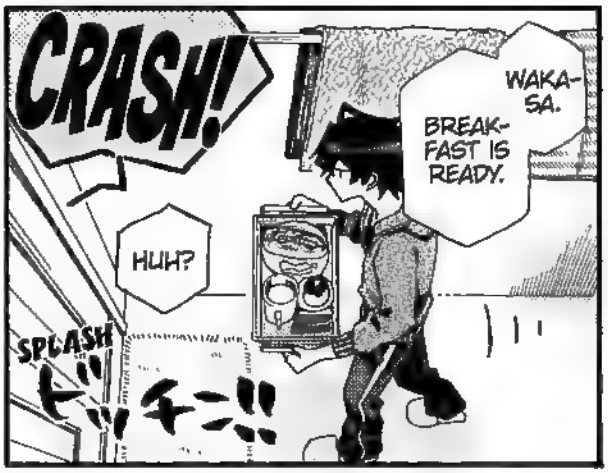
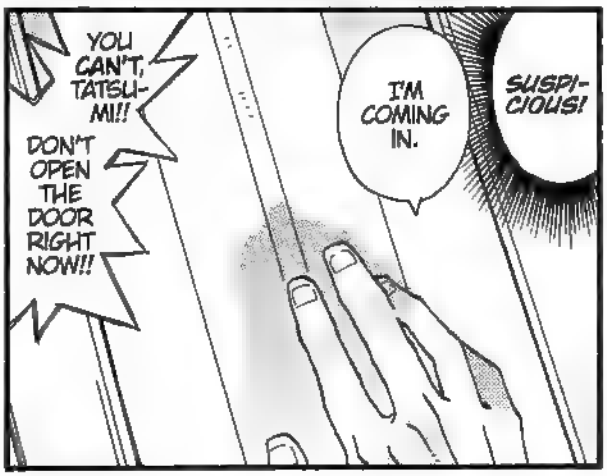
I SEE. THEN I'LL COME BACK LATER.


CRASH!
WAKA-SA.
BREAK-FAST IS READY.
HUH?
SPLASH
ピチ-!!

ガ" GA-CHAK チャ!
YEAH, RIGHT.
COMING IN.
TATSUMI, YOU PERVERT !!!


YOU CAN'T, TATSU-MI!!
DON'T OPEN THE DOOR RIGHT NOW!!
I'M COMING IN.
SUSPI-CIOUS!

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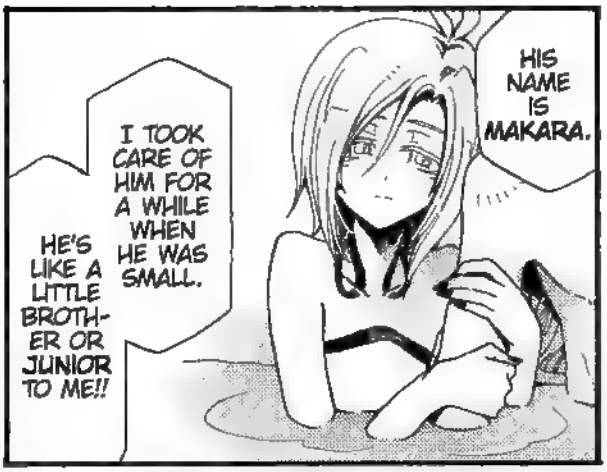
A MER--
MER-BOY?
SQUEEZE
キュッ

TICK
TICK
TICK
!

SO, I FINALLY MEET YOUR ILLEGITIMATE CHILD.
DIIING!
THAT'S SURPRISING EVEN TO ME
ビチ
SPLISH
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "FINALLY"?!
DO YOU SEE ME AS THAT KIND OF PERSON, TATSUMI?!
SPLISH
ビチ

S...
SORRY, TATSUMI.
HE'S REALLY SUSPICIOUS OF ME.

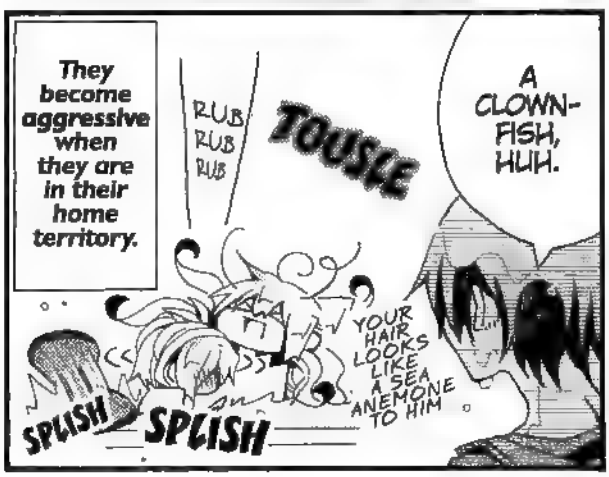

HIS NAME IS MAKARA.
I TOOK CARE OF HIM FOR A WHILE WHEN HE WAS SMALL.
HE'S LIKE A LITTLE BROTHER OR JUNIOR TO ME!!

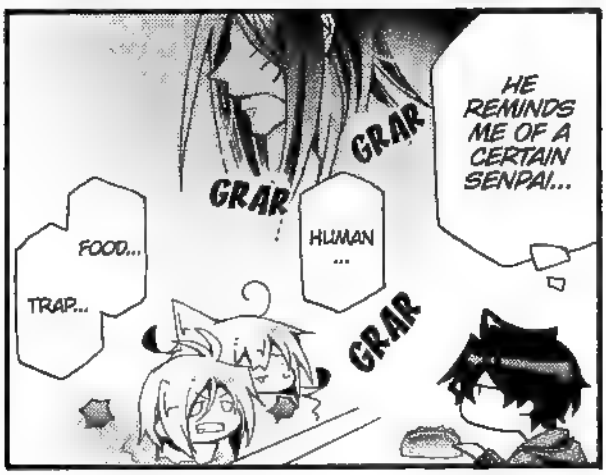
POFF
MAKARA...
GOOD BOY...
POFF
HE'S A LITTLE SHY AND REALLY TERRITORIAL, BUT HE'S A GOOD KID...

DID I SAY SOMETHING STRANGE?
HM?
TOOK CARE OF HIM...?
INSTEAD OF HIM TAKING CARE OF YOU?

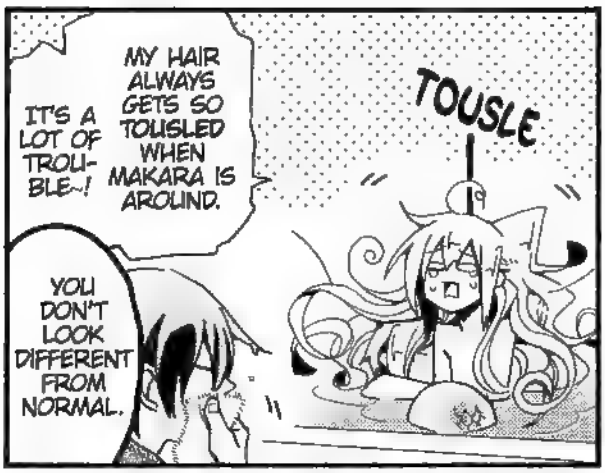
HMM.
THE ORANGE COLORS THE WHITE AND BLACK PATTERNS...
AND HE'S TERRITORIAL AND LOVES TO HIDE...

GRAR!
RAISE
ARE YOU GOING TO EAT, TOO?
TATSUMI!!
WELL, WE'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT.


They become aggressive when they are in their home territory.
RUB RUB RUB
TOUSLE
A CLOWNFISH, HUH.
YOUR HAIR LOOKS LIKE A SEA ANEMONE TO HIM
SPLISH SPLISH


GRAR
GRAR
GRAR
FOOD...
TRAP...
HUMAN...
HE REMINDS ME OF A CERTAIN SENPAI...

HE'S NOT A POKÉ-MON.
YOU ALMOST CAUGHT HIM!
AAH! SO CLOSE!!
COME HERE...
I CAN!
SQUEEZE

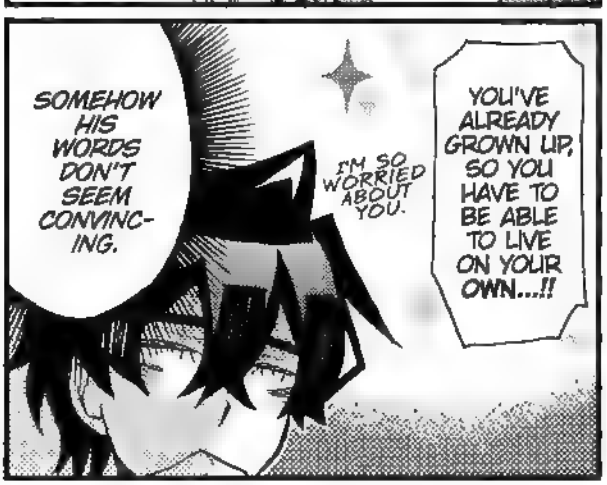

IT'S A LOT OF TROU-BLE~!
MY HAIR ALWAYS GETS SO TOUSLED WHEN MAKARA IS AROUND.
TOUSLE
YOU DON'T LOOK DIFFERENT FROM NORMAL.

I WON'T...
LET GO, ANY-MORE...
Clown fish.
They form a symbiotic relation-ship with anemones and dislike leaving.

I SEE.
HE HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
HE GETS REALLY LONELY AND HE LIKES TO BE SPOILED, SO I WAS WORRIED...

I'M HAPPY YOU LIKE ME.
BUT I CAN'T ALWAYS BE WITH YOU...

YOU'RE RIGHT!
OH!
ISN'T THAT PRETTY AMAZ-ING?
BUT HE CAME HERE BY HIM-SELF.
MAKA-RA...
AMAZ-ING...?
TWITCH


SOMEHOW HIS WORDS DON'T SEEM CONVINC-ING.
I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
YOU'VE ALREADY GROWN UP, SO YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO LIVE ON YOUR OWN...!!

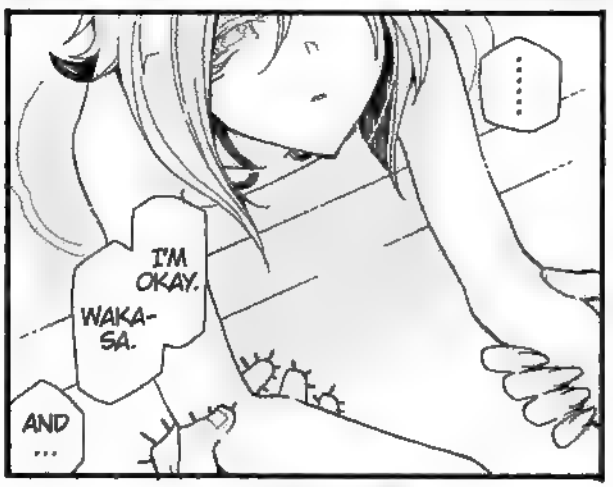
OH? HE'S OPENING UP...?
AH.
GLANCE
GLANCE

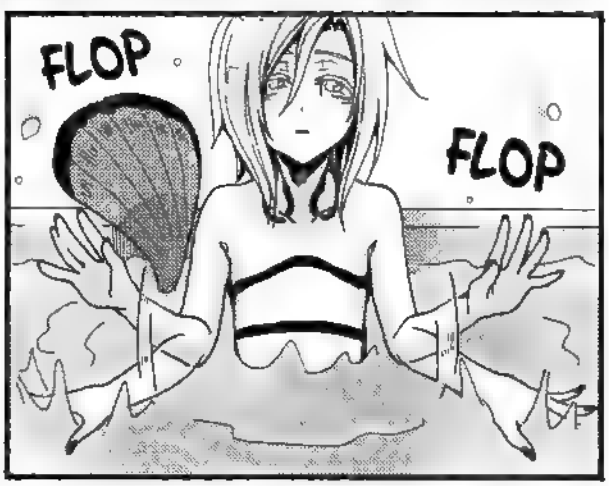
SLIP
WAKA--!

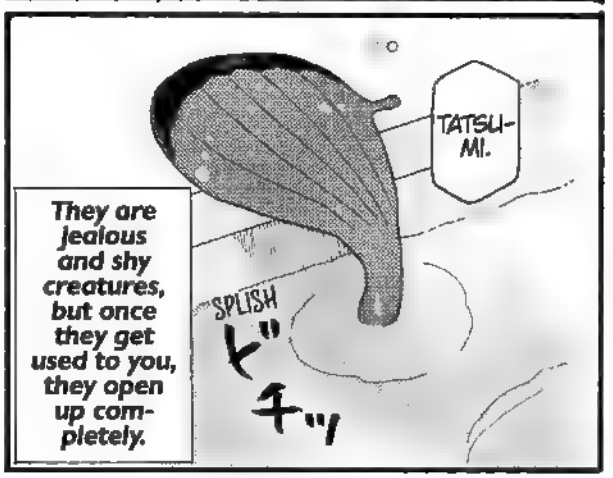
OUT WE GO.
THEN...
SHOULDN'T WE JUST TAKE THAT TERRITORY AWAY FROM HIM?
!
WAKA-SA...!

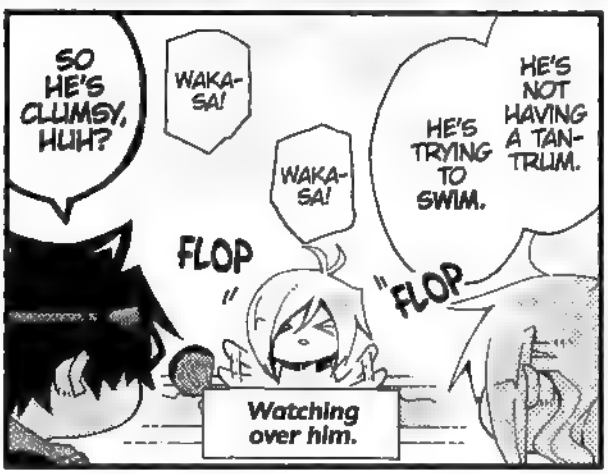
WATCH OUT.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

AH...
AH...!


.....
I'M OKAY.
WAKA-SA.
AND ...


FLOP
FLOP


TATSU-MI.
They are jealous and shy creatures, but once they get used to you, they open up completely.
SPLISH


SO HE'S CLUMSY, HUH?
WAKA-SA!
WAKA-SA!
HE'S TRYING TO SWIM.
HE'S NOT HAVING A TANTRUM.
FLOP
FLOP
Watching over him.

SPLISH
MAKARA ADULT!!
SPLISH
BEAM
HIGH-FIVE!
YOU'VE GROWN UP A LITTLE MORE, MAKARA!!
GREAT!!

.....
SIZZLE
WHEN YOU'RE WITH A LITTLE KID LIKE THAT, YOU ACT MORE LIKE AN ADULT.
Cooking more food.

WAIT!!
DON'T OPEN THE DOOR, TATSU-MI!!
THE ★ VEGETA-BLES!
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.
RUSTLE

CHA-CHING
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GOING TO TRY THAT? GOODNESS.

KYAA
!!
?!!

DA-DAN
BIG BROTHER !!
LET'S WATCH THIS MOVIE TOGETHER! IT'S PRETTY POPULAR!
LOVE HURRICANE DESTROYER
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT!!
S...
SORRY !!
FWUP
SPLISH
SPLISH
A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY THAT LOVE BLOOMS WHEN THEY WATCH LOVE HURRICANE...
CLAAATTER

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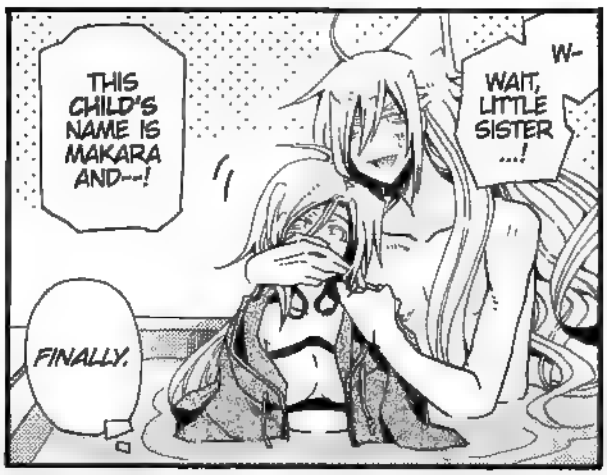
Clown fish.

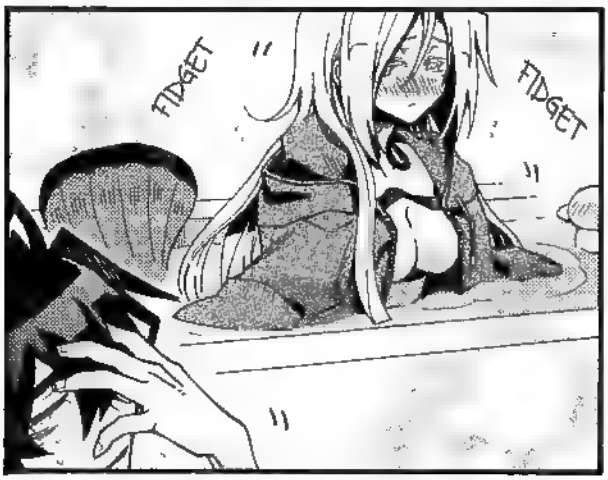
Depending on their environment, they are fish that can change genders.

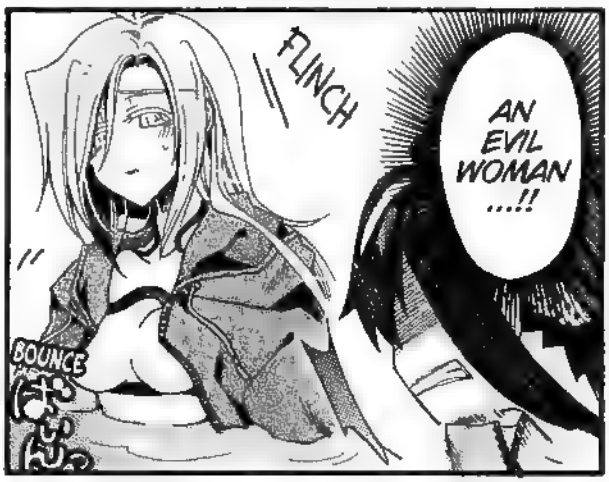
FLUSTER
HOW IN THE WORLD CAN I BE CALM?!
CALM DOWN, LITTLE SISTER!
FLUSTER


THIS CHILD'S NAME IS MAKARA AND--!
W-
WAIT, LITTLE SISTER ...!
FINALLY.

FWAP
ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT...
THIS LOOKS BAD!!

THIS DAY HAS FINALLY COME...
MY!
SEDU-CING MY BROTHER!
THAT THUMP
THAT THUMP


FIDGET
FIDGET

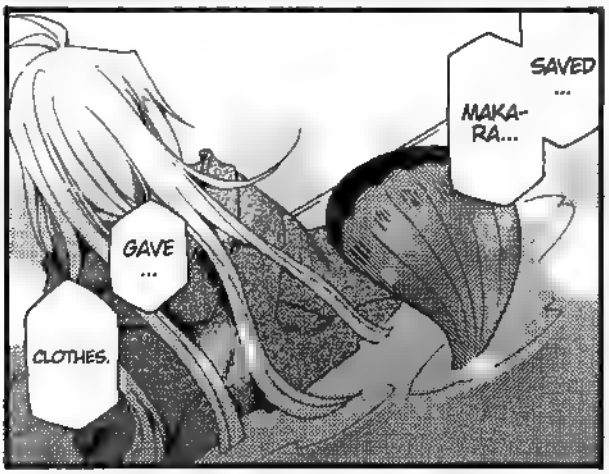

FLINCH
AN EVIL WOMAN ....!!
BOUNCE

SEE --?!!
MA...
MAKA-RA...?
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU ACT LIKE THAT BEFORE.

I WON'T LOSE!!
FLAP
THE FIGHT HAS JUST BEGUN!!
I... I WON'T ...
WAAAAH
E- EVIL... WOMAN ....!
FLAP!

WHAT?
ARE YOU TRYING TO GET IN MY WAY?
I WANT TO... THANK HIM.

PULL
NO!!
YOU'RE GOING TO WATCH A MOVIE WITH ME NOW, BIG BROTHER!!
LET'S GO, BIG BROTHER!!

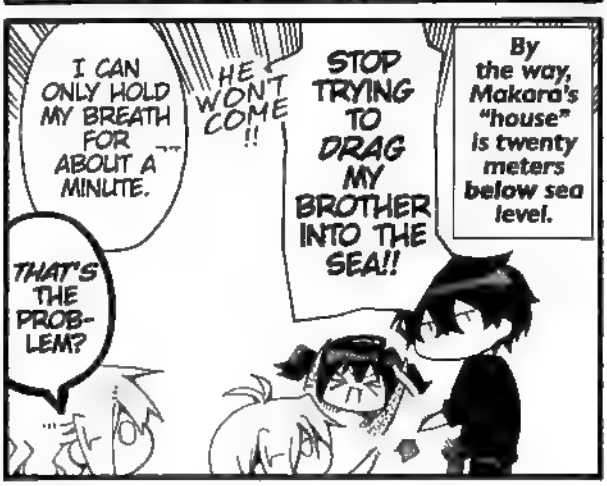

SAVED...
MAKA-RA...
GAVE...
CLOTHES.

WAIT...
TUG

NO ONE... ELSE...
TATSU-MI. SO WONDER-FUL...

MA-KARA'S HOUSE... VERY PRETTY...
COME VISIT...?

THIS PERSON UNDER-STANDS.


I CAN ONLY HOLD MY BREATH FOR ABOUT A MINUTE.
HE WON'T COME!!
STOP TRYING TO DRAG MY BROTHER INTO THE SEA!!
By the way, Makara's "house" is twenty meters below sea level.
THAT'S THE PROB-LEM?

FRODDAR
IT SEEMS I NEED TO HAVE A TALK WITH YOU.
MAKA-RA...
THINKS SO, TOO...
STOMP
LADY.
BUT THIS AND THAT ARE DIFFERENT THINGS!!
LOOK, THIS IS TATSUMI'S HANDMADE PUDDING!
PUDDING!
HEY.
WHY DON'T THE TWO OF YOU GET ALONG?
HEY.
CAN YOU STEP OUT FOR A BIT?
NOM
NOM
YES.

YEAH.
WANT TO EAT BREAK-FAST?
GROWL

GOOD-NESS!
YEAH...
THAT WAS SCARY...!

NO.
JUST...
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
FU FU.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D TRY TO SEDUCE BIG BROTHER WITH THESE THINGS!!
OH!
WHAT ...!

IN THE SEA, HE ALWAYS HID BEHIND ME AND NEVER MOVED ON HIS OWN.
BUT NOW, HE'S FIGHTING WITH YOUR LITTLE SISTER.

CLATTER
LET GO!
OR ELSE...
HEY, DON'T FIGHT...
DON'T BE SO COCKY JUST BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THEM!!

THAT'S TRUE.

CLATTER
CLATTER
MAKA-RA WINS ... THEN ...
HEEK!
IF YOU DO IT THAT STRONG-LY...!
ST...
STOP IT~!

EVERYONE GROWS UP AND GOES AWAY LIKE THIS.
IT'S LONELY BEING A BIG BROTH-ER.

OUCH!
HUFF!
HUFF!
DON'T SHOW OFF THOSE BIG THINGS OF YOURS!!
SPLISH
SPLISH

HNGH!
WELL...
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT.
I KNOW, RIGHT?

SLUMP
DON'T TAKE MY BIG BROTH-ER!!
BIG BROTHER IS REALLY SOFT-HEARTED ABOUT FISH RIGHT NOW!!
AY...

キャーーーっ!!
?!

TATSU-MI.
WAKA-SA.
D-DID YOU GET MAD?
HUH?
ALWAYS TOGETH-ER..

WHAM
THAT SCREAM JUST NOW!
WHAT HAP-PENED?!

PLAY.

AH!
B...
BIG BROTH-ER...!

?!
THIS WOMAN SUDDENLY TURNED INTO A MAN.
AND ATTACK-ED ME!!
HOW TERRIBLE! JUST BECAUSE I'M SO ATTRAC-TIVE!!

OH.
YOU TURNED BACK.
GLOMP
B-
BIG BROTH-ER!

SQUEEZE
MAKA-RA...?

SHAKE
SHAKE
ONLY TRIPPED...
MA...
MAKARA DIDN'T ATTACK...
GOOD BOY...
BUT TURNS INTO A MAN NEAR A HUMAN WOMAN.
GASP!!
OH?
MAKA-RA...
TURNS INTO A WOMAN AROUND A HUMAN MALE.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M NOT LYING...!!
HE'S LYING!!
UWAAAAH!
WAAAAAH!
TEE HEE!
GOODNESS!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SO FROM THE BEGIN-NING!!
GLARE

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ドサッ
THUMP
THERE YOU GO.
WOW, AMAZ-ING!!
HOT SPRING BASE
LIKE A HOT SPRING

YOU'RE LAZY, BUT STILL PRETTY HEALTHY, AREN'T YOU?
DON'T YOU WANT TO BECOME HEALTHY...?
TATSU-MI...

WHAT IS IT?
YOU'RE PRETTY AGGRESSIVE TODAY
?
SPLISH
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN !!

OR A GOOD MASSAGE? THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING!!
DON'T YOU NEED A BATH?
.....
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN !!

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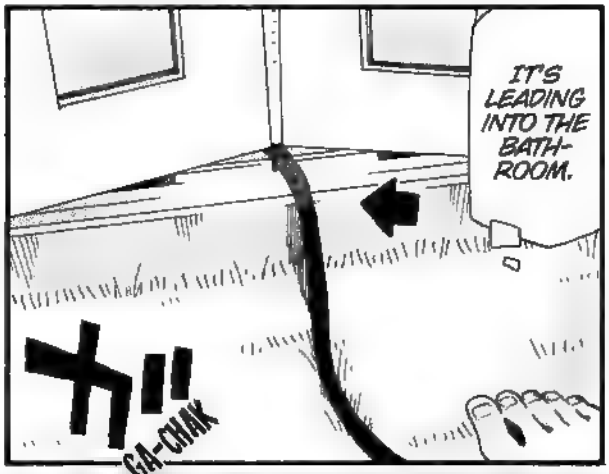
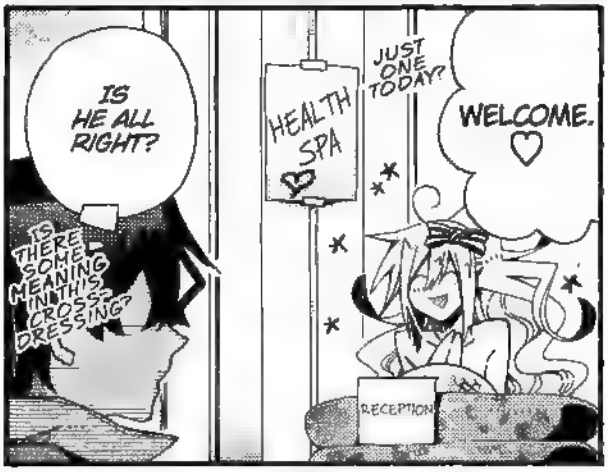
MERMAN IN MY TUB STYLE HEALTH SPA

I WAS THINKING IT'D BE NICE IF YOU GOT HEALTHY, TOO!
NO, I'M ACTUALLY HEALTHY ALREADY.
I SEE.
IT SEEMS THERE ARE PLACES CALLED HEALTH SPAS.
HMM?
HEALTHY FOR ME?
RIGHT!
ビシィィィィ
PERFECT HEALTH~!
WHERE DID THESE CLOTHES COME FROM?!
I'LL MAKE YOU RELAX TODAY!!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
THUMBS UP!
YOU ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF ME, TATSUMI!

HM?
ROPE?
ATTACHED TO THE BAND?
ENJOY.

SPLASH!!
RIGHT.
I'M GOING TO GET PRE-PARED.
PRE-PARED?


IT'S LEADING INTO THE BATH-ROOM.
GA-CHAK

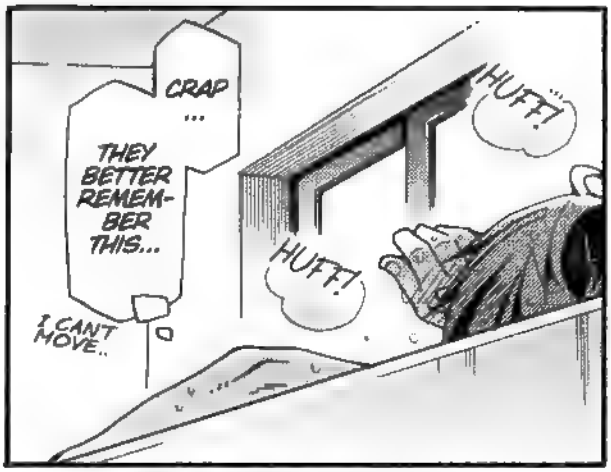

IS HE ALL RIGHT?
IS THERE SOME MEANING IN THIS CROSS-DRESSING?
HEALTH SPA
JUST ONE TODAY?
WELCOME.
RECEPTION

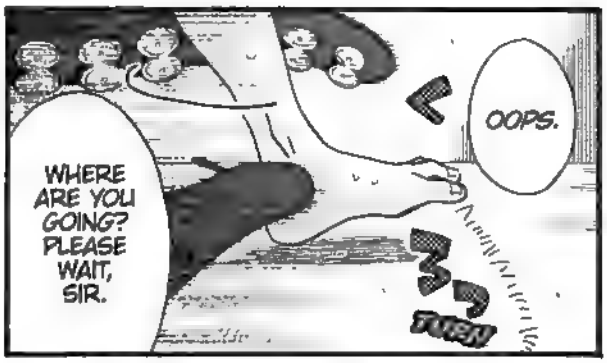
MY.
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
THOSE CLOTHES FIT YOU PERFECTLY.
THANK GOOD-NESS

HERE!
PLEASE PUT ON THIS BAND.

CLOSE
NOW, COME RIGHT THIS WAY~!
OH...
He's real-ized.

Y
YEAH
A UNIFORM, EVEN. WHAT IS THIS SERIOUS ATTITUDE OF HIS...?
I HAVE A BAD FEEL-ING.

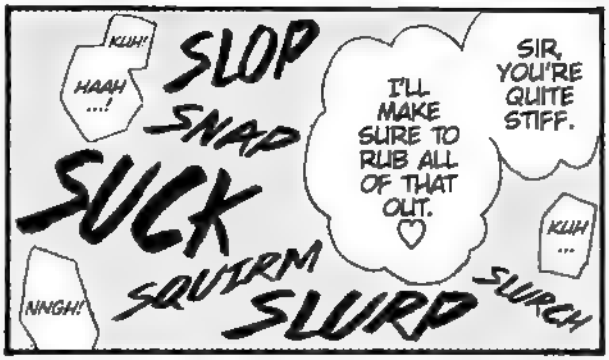

CRAP...
THEY BETTER REMEMBER THIS...
I CANT MOVE..
HUFF!
HUFF!


WHERE ARE YOU GOING? PLEASE WAIT, SIR.
OOPS.
TURN

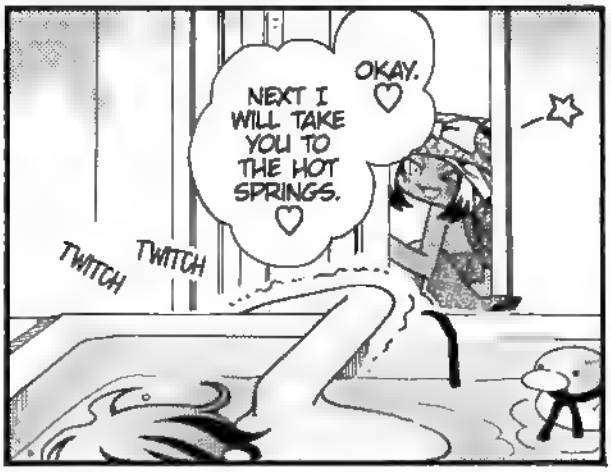
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT MY BODY IS TINGLING AND IT FEELS GOOD...
IT'S BEEN AWHILE
SIGH... BUT IT'S CALMING TO BE ALONE...

ENTWINE
CRACK
CRACK
I'LL SHOW YOU HEAVEN.

POKE
POKE
POKE

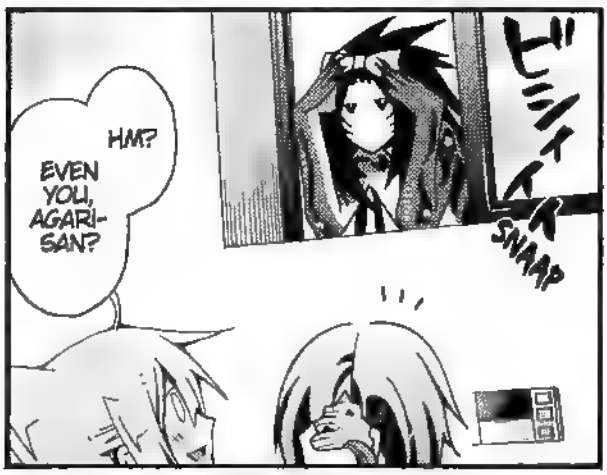

KUH!
HAAH...!
SLOP
SNAP
SUCK
SQUIRM
SLURP
I'LL MAKE SURE TO RUB ALL OF THAT OUT.
SIR, YOU'RE QUITE STIFF.
KUH...
NNGH!
SLURCH

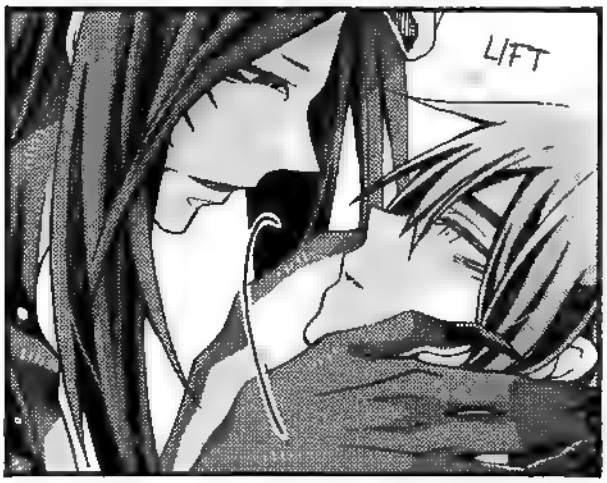
MIKUNI-SAN...
YOU'VE GOTTEN SMALL.
POKE
POKE

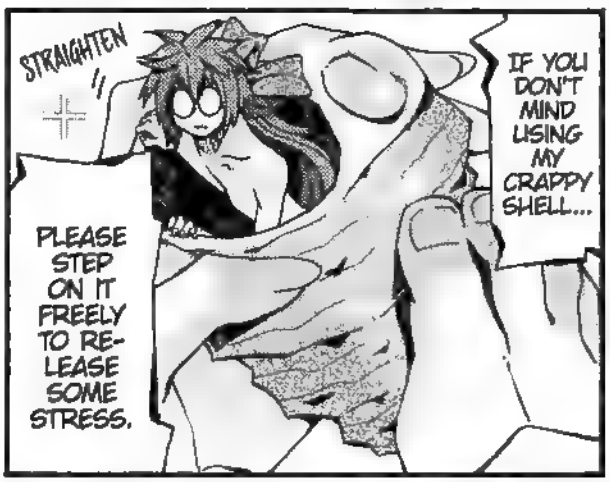

NEXT I WILL TAKE YOU TO THE HOT SPRINGS.
OKAY.
TWITCH
TWITCH

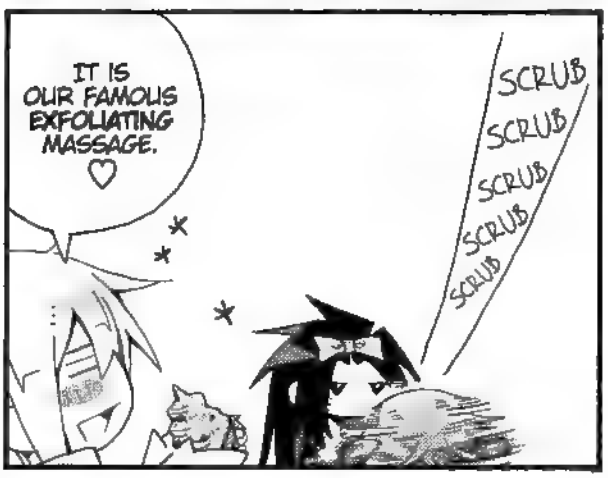
SHWAH
IT'S EMBAR-RASSING.
SO PLEASE DON'T STARE TOO MUCH...!
OH. IT'S GOOD.
HOW IS THE STRENGTH ...?
I SEE. THAT'S GOOD...
SPLASH
THEN I WILL DO YOUR WHOLE BODY NOW!
HUH?

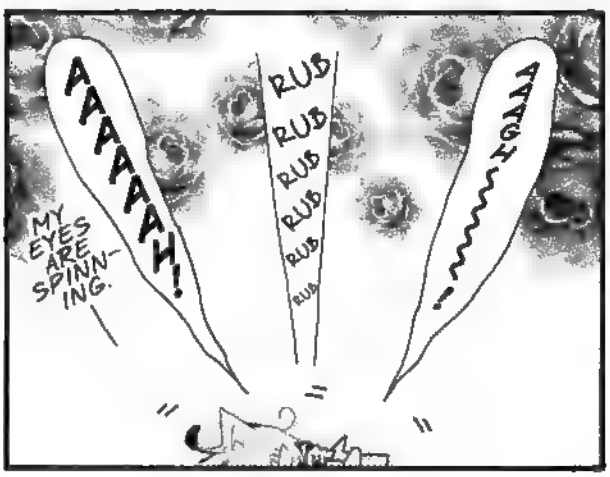
POKE
POKE
POKE
POKE
POKE
POKE
POKE
POKE
Under the umbrella are many tentacles that numb the body.
UHEEEEEEK...










AAAAAAH!
MY EYES ARE SPINN-ING.
RUB
RUB
RUB
RUB
RUB
RUB
AAGH
AAAAAA

HOW IS IT, TATSUMI? DO YOU FEEL HEALTHIER?
HM?
SMOOTH
SMOOTH
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE GRATED... BEFORE I GOT YOU TO GRATE WHITE RADISHES.
SPLOSH
WELL.
IT WASN'T BAD.
They got fired up.
SNAPAP
DO YOU NEED MORE STIMULATION?!
LEAVE ANY PLACES TO ME...!!
IT'S IMPORTANT TO REPLACE FLUIDS, TOO!!
YES. YES. YES. I'LL SING YOU A LULLABY!!

YAWN!
MM.
DON'T WANNA.
LEMME STAY LIKE THIS
SLUMP
I AM EXHAUSTED...
YEAH. WE WORKED REALLY HARD.
A few hours later.
WHEW~!
TATSUMI-SAN. PLEASE WAKE UP SOON?
SHAKE
SHAKE
DINNER. READY YET?
I'M HUNGRY.
It seems dinner was very late this day.
WE TURNED TATSUMI REALLY LAZY!!
TA...
TOSS

Merman
in My Tub

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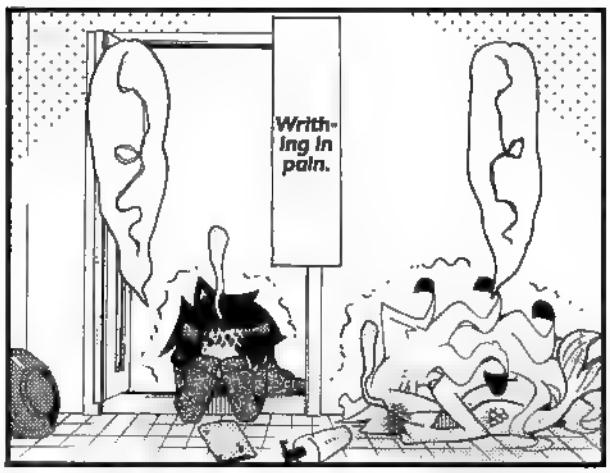
CHAPTER 84

WAKASA'S DECLARATION OF MAKI-NIZATION

NO, NO. SOME-ONE LIKE ME...
SLOW AND CLUM-SY...
YOU SAY ...?!


Writh-ing in pain.

FWUP
ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?!
I'M FAST ENOUGH TO KEEP UP WITH SENPAI SHARKS, TOO!
THIS FORM OF MINE IS AS GRACEFUL AS A POR-POISE.
IS THAT SO?
REPLACEMENT BAG
SLIP

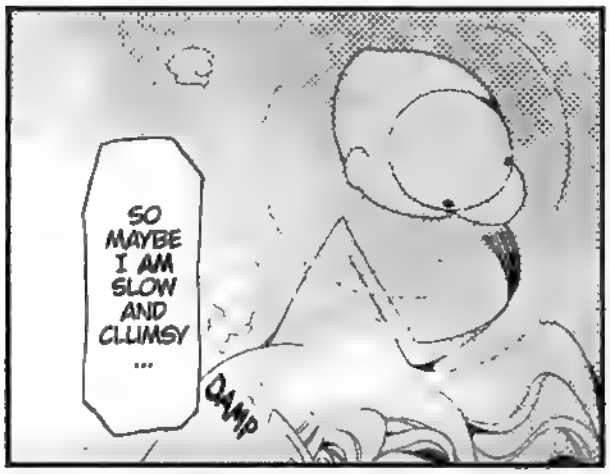
S... SORRY.
YOU SLIPPED AGAIN?

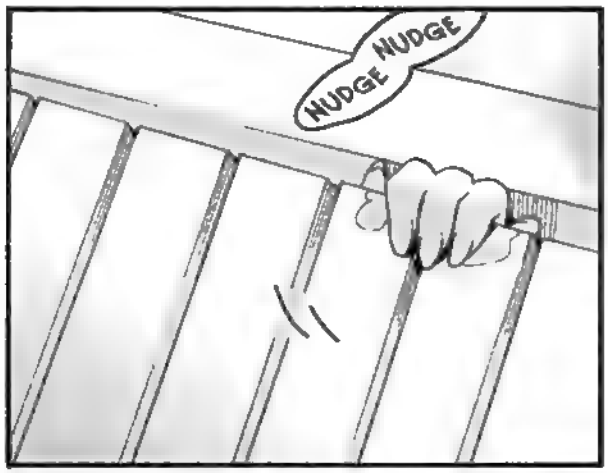
BECAUSE OF YOUR FISH SLIME.
TH-THE TILES ARE SLIPPERY!
SPLISH
SPLISH

JEEZ...
YOU'RE WAY TOO SLOW AND CLUMSY.

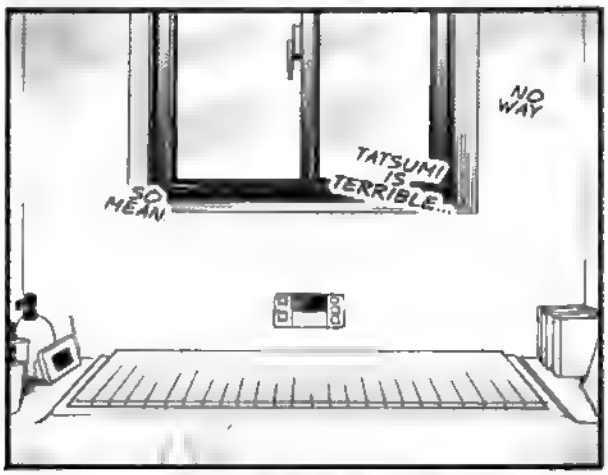
YEAH, YEAH. I HAVE TO CLEAN THE ROOMS.
TA-
TATSUMI, YOU IDIOT!!

WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SUR-PRISED ...?
SLOW AND CLUMSY ?!

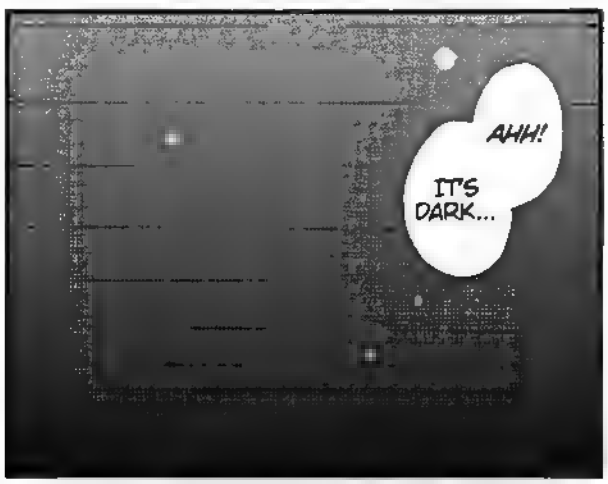

SO MAYBE I AM SLOW AND CLUMSY ...
DAMP


NUDGE NUDGE

DAMP
A MERMAN WHO SLIPS AND TRIPS SHOULD JUST STAY STILL INSIDE THE TUB. HEH HEH HEH...
DAMP


NO WAY
TATSUMI IS TERRIBLE...
SO MEAN

I SHOULD JUST LIVE ALL ALONE IN THE DARK...
DAMP
DAMP
DAMP


AHH!
IT'S DARK...

BLUB
BLUB
BLUB

HUH...?
SOME-HOW...
IT'S CALM-ING.

WH...
WHO...?
!
IT'S FINE.
TO BE THAT WAY.
MA... MAKI ...?!
WHEN DID YOU ...?!
I'M SORRY! I ACTUALLY CAME OVER TO PLAY TWO DAYS AGO. I HAVE SO MUCH NERVE THAT IT'S RIDICULOUS, I KNOW...!!!
I DIDN'T NOTICE.
WHERE WAS HE?

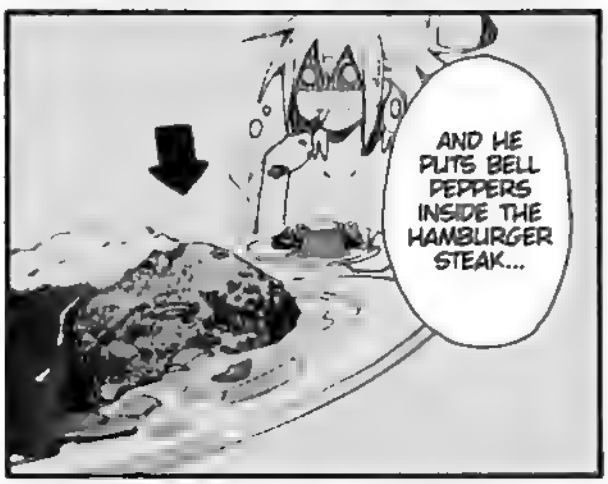
THERE'S NO NEED TO FORCE YOURSELF OUT INTO THE LIGHT.

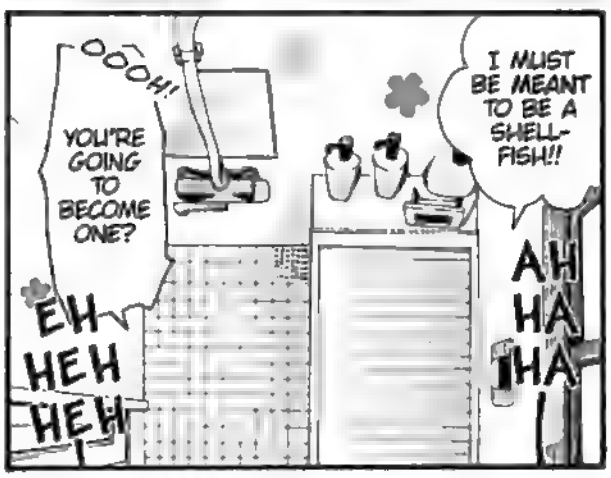
I MIGHT SLIP AGAIN IF I GO OUT.
IT'S BEST TO STAY IN HERE, HUH?
NOD NOD

I SEE...
YES, THAT'S HOW IT IS.
IS THAT HOW IT IS?

TATSUMI STILL GETS GOOSE-BUMPS WHEN I TOUCH HIM.

SHELLS ARE NICE THAT WAY.
YOU CAN HIDE AWAY AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.


AND HE PUTS BELL PEPPERS INSIDE THE HAMBURGER STEAK...


I MUST BE MEANT TO BE A SHELL-FISH!!
AH HA HA
OOOH!
YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME ONE?
EH HEH HEH

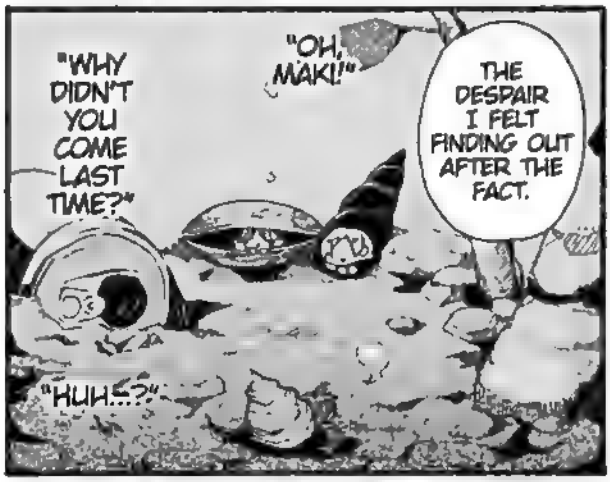
THE HUMAN WORLD IS HARSH...
DAMP
DAMP
MAYBE HE HATES ME...

I WON'T GO OUT!!
YEAH! I SHOULD JUST STAY LIKE THIS FOR-EVER!!

BEING A SHELL-FISH IS NICE...

RE-UNION ?!
THANK YOU WAKASA
I WAS ALSO DEPRESS-ED...
BECALISE I WASN'T INVITED TO THE REUNION.

NO ONE COMES TO VISIT!!
NO ONE BOTHERS YOU.
NO ONE MAKES FUN OF YOU.


"WHY DIDN'T YOU COME LAST TIME?"
"OH, MAKI!"
THE DESPAIR I FELT FINDING OUT AFTER THE FACT.
"HUH...?"

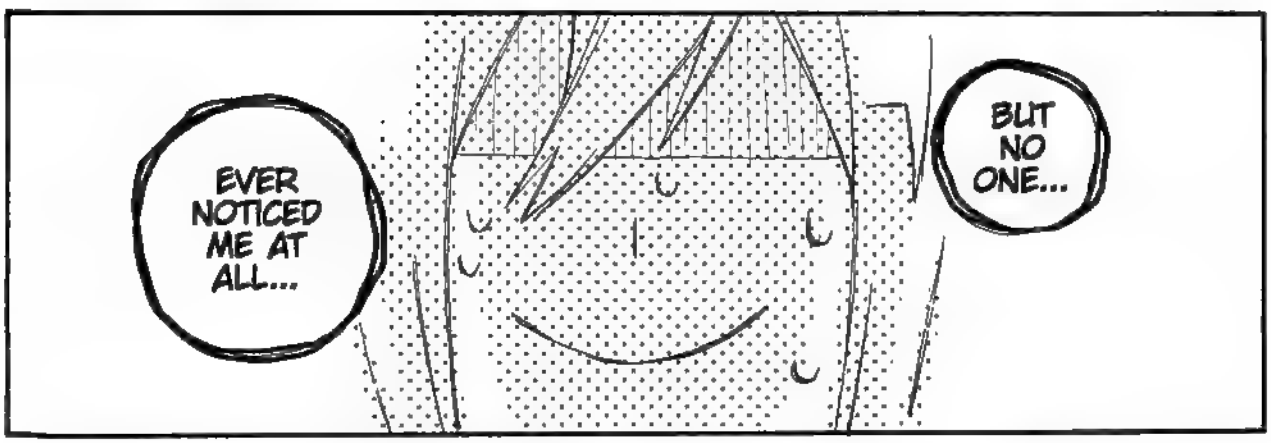
IF I LEAVE, I LOSE THE GAME...
POKE

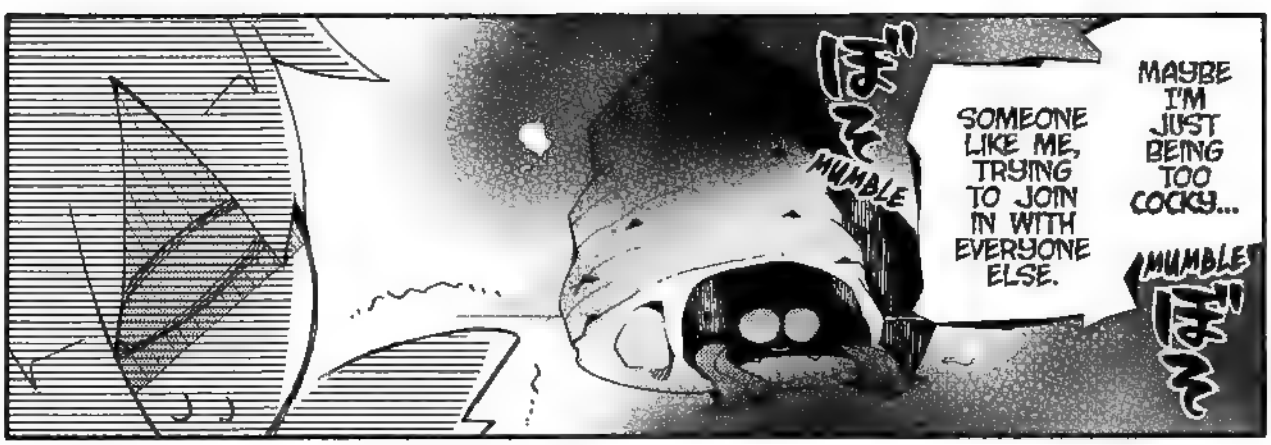
あああ...
REAL-LY... MAKES YOU JUST WANT TO DIE...
HEH HEH...
OH NOOO...!

FU FU FU FU FU FU!
EH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH!

※Chapter 76.
HUH? YOU WERE THERE?!
MY EFFORTS TO STOP THEM WERE ALL IN VAIN.
DURING THE FIGHT BETWEEN TAKASU AND ECHIZEN...

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
OH!
THERE WERE ALSO TIMES THE WINDOW WAS CLOSED AND I COULDN'T GET IN...
TAP
TAP
※Chapter 78.
※Chapter 81.
HUH? THAT TIME, TOO?!
I HAD TO LOOK AWAY WHEN MAKARA CHANGED, AND HID IN MY SHELL...


EVER NOTICED ME AT ALL...
BUT NO ONE...


ぼそ MUMBLE
SOMEONE LIKE ME, TRYING TO JOIN IN WITH EVERYONE ELSE.
MAYBE I'M JUST BEING TOO COCKY...
MUMBLE ぼそ

Hand that doesn't know where to go.
BUT, UM, AHH...
GA-CHAK
HEY.
AHHHH...
HUH?
SHIIIING
HUH?
THE LID IS CLOSED.
IT'S TIME TO EAT.
Wakasa decided the shellfish lifestyle wasn't for him.
LET'S EAT!!
SPLASH

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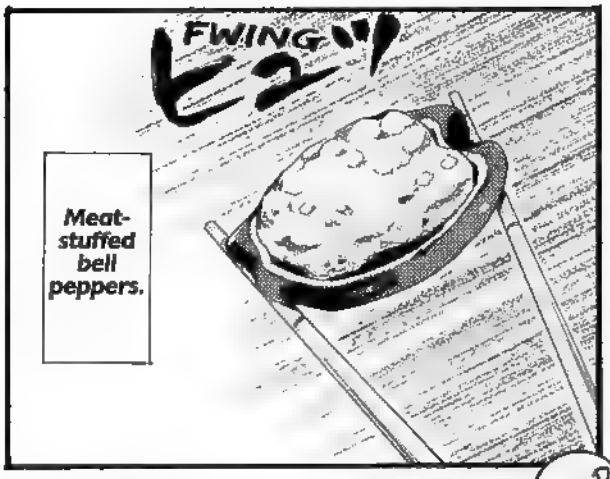
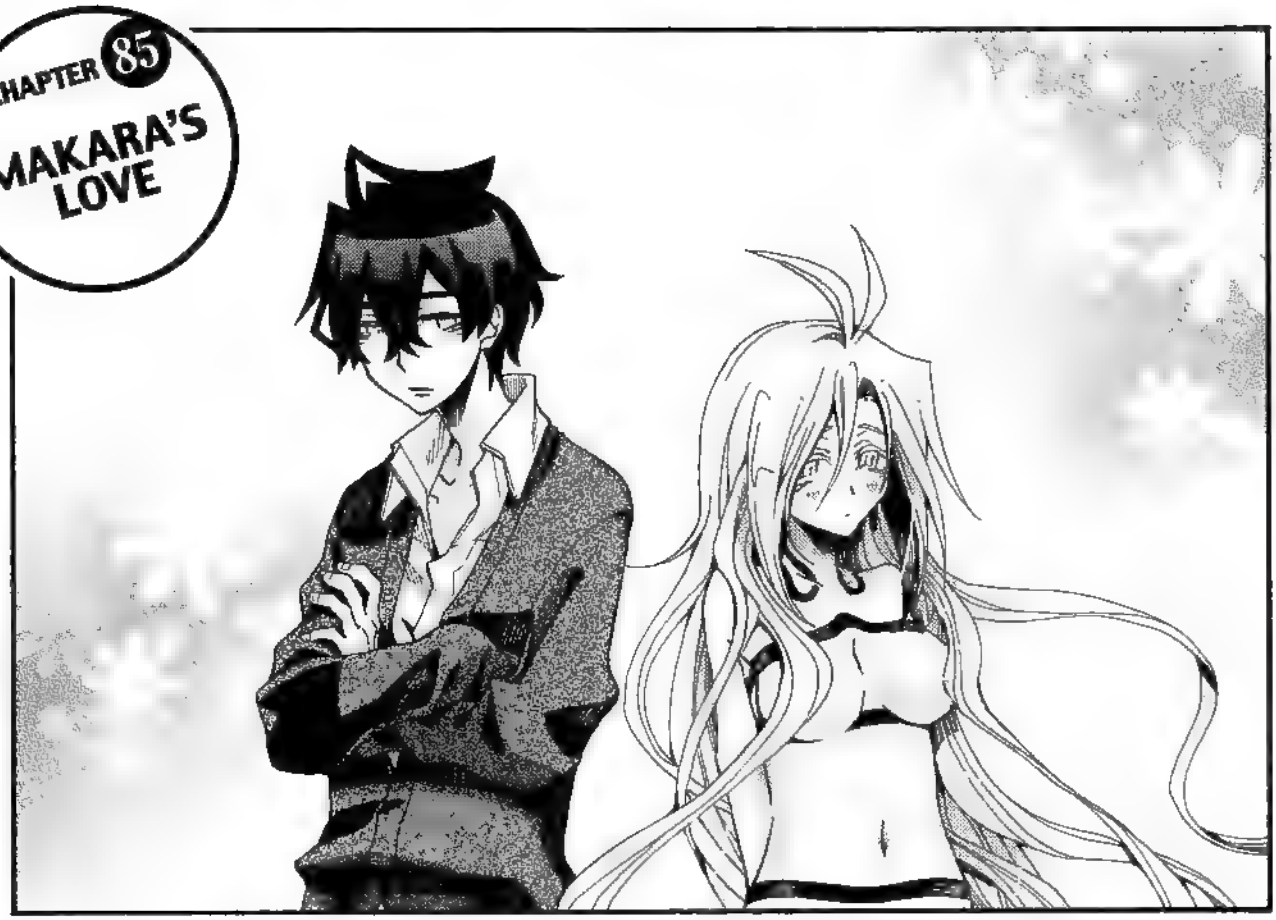
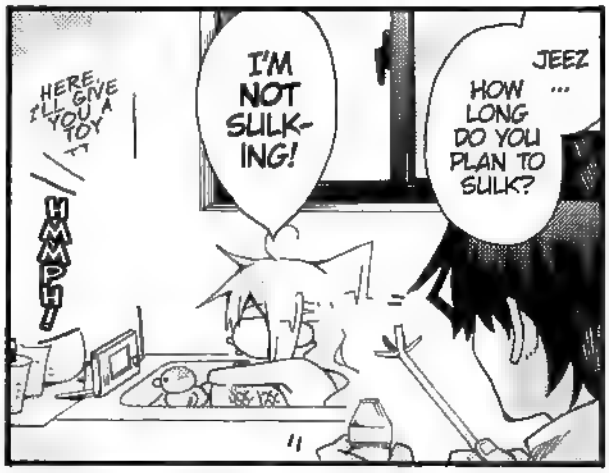


CHAPTER 85

MAKARA'S LOVE



ONE-TWO!
ONE-TWO!
YOU TURN INTO A GIRL SO QUICKLY WHEN TATSUMI IS AROUND.


JEEZ ... HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO SULK?
I'M NOT SULKING!
HMMPH!
HERE, I'LL GIVE YOU A TOY

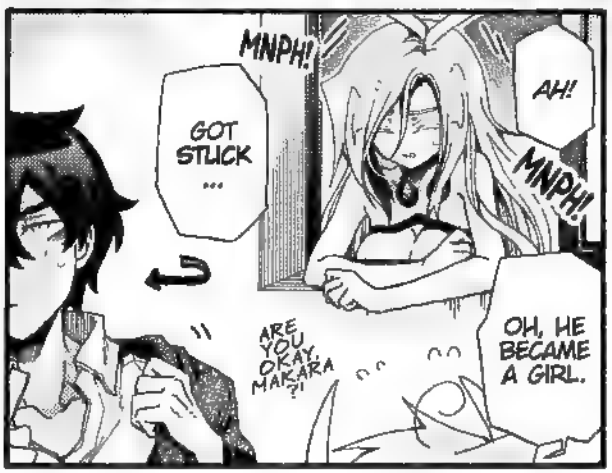
HM?
GENDER GETS DECIDED...
YES? YES?
WHEN MAKARA... BECOMES AN ADULT.

RATTLE

STARE
WHAT?

OH...
TATSUMI...
OH. WELCOME, MAKARA.

ガッ
!!
ぱっ
POUNCE
GONK


MNPH!
AH!
GOT STUCK ...
MNPH!
ARE YOU OKAY, MAKARA?
OH, HE BECAME A GIRL.

YOU SHOULDN'T HUG A BOY SO EASILY.
MAKA-RA.
YOU'RE A BIG GIRL RIGHT NOW.
EDGE...
SORRY, TATSU-MI...
I CHECKED THE DIF-FERENCE WITH WAKA-SA...
WE'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT SIZES, RIGHT?
AH HA HA!
THEY MIGHT MISUNDER-STAND YOU.
MISUN-DER-STAND.
WRONG.
HUH?

MA-
KARA...
WANTS TO LIVE AS A GIRL.
MAKA-
RA...
HAS MALE AND FEMALE BODIES.
HEART IS A LITTLE DIFFER-ENT, TOO
I...
DON'T ...
UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
TATSUMI MADE...
MAKARA LIKE THAT.

BUT.
BEATS FASTER AND FUN.
I THOUGHT ...
DOESN'T MATTER ...
BEING WOMAN.
BEING MAN.
HEART.
BEING WITH TATSUMI.
IT'S PRESSING AGAINST ME!
GAH!
SQUISH
STRANGE?
WAIT. I MEAN...
WE'VE ONLY MET TWICE NOW...
IS THAT BAD?
WANT TO BE TOGETHER.
SO.
FIRST TIME.
PULL
MAKARA ...
IS AN ADULT?

EEEK!
SHOULD WE CHANGE THE TITLE OF THIS CHAPTER?!
DOES IT NEED A MATURE RATING?!
PUSH
NO.
NO GOOD?
MAKARA IS A FISH.
.....
YOU MIGHT BE A PROPER ADULT...
.....
BUT...
YOU DID NOTHING WRONG.
I THINK YOU'RE CUTE.

I'M STILL A KID.
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT LOVE IS.
BUT I KNOW IT'S NOT A QUESTION YOU ANSWER EASILY.
TATSU-MI.
A KID...?
YEAH.

SO.
IF YOU GAVE ME SOME TIME.
WELL...
IT WOULD HELP ME OUT.
YEAH.
OKAY, TATSUMI.
LET'S PLAY.
FOOO
FOOO
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S STILL JUST A KID.

See you in Volume 7!

REPORT ON DUBBING OF MERMAN IN MY TUB ANIME
~PART 1~
TOKYO
A CERTAIN DAY IN SEPTEMBER.
MY EDITOR AND I HEADED TO THE STUDIO.
BUILDING
WE WERE LOST RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING AND MET A REALLY NICE PERSON!
THE STUDIO IS THIS WAY.
GLANCE GLANCE
STEP
YAAA!
EDITOR
YANK
DAASH
* A PERSON WHO COULDN'T FIND THE HOTEL LAST TIME, EVEN WHEN USING A SMARTPHONE
THE ANSWER WILL COME LATER.
A GOOD PERSON.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
WHO WAS THAT?
THE SAME DIRECTION AS US
AS I EXPECTED, THE ATMOSPHERE IS (GASP) GREAT!
ONCE WE ENTERED, WE GREETED THE VARIOUS PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE ANIME...!
CAN'T REALLY BREATHE ANYMORE.
NAME CARD
ANIME SCRIPT 30X EPISODES' WORTH
THE ROOM WAS SEPARATED INTO THE VOICE ACTOR BOOTH AND EDITING BOOTH.
IT'S A FIVE-MINUTE ANIME, SO THE FIRST SIX EPISODES WERE RECORDED IN A FLASH.
I WAS ABLE TO WATCH IN A VERY COMFORTABLE SEAT!!
VOICE ACTORS ARE HERE
SOFA
ACTUALLY, THE DUCKY IN THE ANIME SPEAKS!!
WHAT A SURPRISE!
WE MET WITH THE VOICE ACTORS!
Wakasa: Yūichirō Umehara-san
Tatsumi: Nobunaga Shimazaki-san
Takasu: Tatsuhisa Suzuki-san
Mikuni: Natsuki Hanae-san
Maki: Kenjiro Tsuda-san
Kasumi: Ibuki Kido-san
Ducky-chan: Yoshihisa Kawahara-san
Water Heater: Moe Ootomo-san
A HANDSOME VOICE DOING CUTE VOICES IS AGAINST THE RULES. -_-
DECAPITATED HEAD--
IT'S DESTINY.
I CAN HEAR SPLISHING EVEN THOUGH THERE AREN'T ANY SOUND EFFECTS YET!
UMEHARA-SAN HAD A SWEET AND DEEP VOICE.
TATSUMI...
HE SHOWED ME JUST HOW A HANDSOME MERMAN WHO HAS A SELFISH SIDE SHOULD BE!!
IT WAS INTERESTING TO SEE HIM ASKED TO DO THINGS "MORE CUTELY" OR "MORE FEMININELY," HAHA.
HUMANS ARE REALLY SHAMELESS.
I SEE. GOD-DAMN!
Wakasa Role
Yūichirō Umehara

FRESH BREEZE
HE WAS SUCH A KIND PERSON. HE FELT LIKE A FRESH BREEZE. I DIDN'T REALIZE AT ALL HE WAS DOING TATSUMI'S VOICE!!
I'M SORRY!
AND THIS WAS THE GUY WHO SHOWED US THE WAY IN!!
SUPER SMILE
YEAH...
I COULDN'T BELIEVE HE WAS THE SAME HIGH-SPIRITED GUY WHO MADE EVERYONE LAUGH IN THE BOOTH.
YAY! YAY!
BOOTH
TATSUMI'S COOL AND LAZY ATTITUDE WAS DONE PERFECTLY!
AHH
Tatsumi Role
Nobunaga Shimazaki
I SEE HIM WITH COMPLETELY DIFFERENT EYES NOW.
DUCKY-CHAN EXUDED THE AURA OF A TRUE ADULT AT TIMES.
HIS AD-LIBBING WAS SO INTERESTING.
I'M DUCKY-SAN!
MURMUR
PUSH!
PUSH!
MURMUR
I MEAN REALLY PUSHED FORWARD!
SINCE THE START, DUCKY-CHAN REALLY PUSHED FORWARD.
Ducky-chan Role
Yoshihisa Kawahara
LIVE RECORDING. ♡ SO CUTE. ♡
SHE PLAYS OTHER ROLES AS WELL, BUT PLEASE LISTEN FOR HER IN THE ANIME!
MODULATING THE HOT WATER
AND WE CAN'T FORGET WATER HEATER-SAN!!
Water Heater Role
Ootomo Moe
THE STUDIO GOT FILLED WITH NEGATIVE IONS...
HUH? HE'S A MALE ACTOR, RIGHT...?
MIKUNI'S TRANSPARENCY AND CUTENESS WAS DONE SO PERFECTLY, MY HEART FLUTTERED IN CONFUSION. (GENDER CONFUSION.)
Mikuni Role
Natsuki Hanae
TURN THE PAGE FOR MORE!!
I ALSO WATCHED WAKASA'S CM RECORDING.
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL!
CURRENTLY BEING PUBLISHED IN MONTHLY COMIC GENE!
GENE
THANK YOU... IT REALLY BECAME AN ANIME...
THEY GET VOICES ...!
WHEW!
AN ARROW SHOT THROUGH MY HEART ALONG WITH TATSUMI'S. SO CUTE!!
ANIMATION
!!!
DURING THE "TA-DA... ☆" SCENE...

REPORT ON DUBBING OF MERMAN IN MY TUB ANIME ~PART 2~
I BELIEVE YOU ALL SHOULD BE WATCHING THE ANIME ALREADY, BUT HERE IS THE SECOND HALF OF MY REPORT!!
YOU ARE WATCHING, RIGHT?!
EDITOR
REPEAT
REPEAT
I LOVE THE "HEY!" IN EPISODE 3 NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I WATCH IT.
I LAUGHED AT ALMOST EVERY SCENE HE APPEARED IN.
HEY!!
TAKASU'S COCKY ATTITUDE WAS WONDERFUL! HE ALWAYS LIVENED UP THE SCENE!!
YO HAPPY NEW YEAR
Takasu Role
Tatsuhisa Suzuki

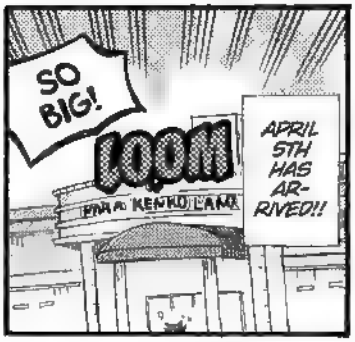
GRAB
AH!
NEXT IS MA--
GLUG GLUG
DRINKING THE ENTIRE TIME
I SECRETLY WISHED THAT TAKASU WOULD SING ALONG WITH WAKASA.
DURING THE TUB PARTY IN EPISODE 11...
J-JUST A LITTLE!

BIG BROTHER...
AND THE ONLY GIRL AMONG ALL THE GUYS WAS THE SUPER ADORABLE KASUMI ...!!!
SHAKING
LET'S TAKE A BATH TOGETHER!
SHE EXUDED SO MUCH SISTERLY LOVE! IT WAS ADORABLE AGAIN. GREAT!!
Kasumi Role
Ibuki Kido

I WASN'T SURE HOW THE VOICE ACTOR WOULD MATCH WITH MAKI AND I WAS VERY EXCITED TO SEE.
TEE HEE!
NO
WHEN I HEARD HIS SUPER LOW MUMBLE...
IT WAS AMAZING.
THERE'S A HUMAN!
I COULDN'T HELP JUST LISTENING LIKE A FAN!!
THE WORST
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
WHAT A WONDERFUL VOICE... BUT IT WAS SO MUMBLY!
Maki Role
Kenjiro Tsuda

OH, SERIOUSLY AMAZING.
AND THEN HE SUDDENLY CHANGED TO SUCH A PLEASANT PERSONALITY.
THOSE WORDS EXPRESS MY HONEST OPINION ON HIS MAKI-MAKI-NESS!!
WHAT A WASTE NOT TO HEAR HIM LIKE THAT!!!
PAH HA HA!

THERE'S A PRETTY NICE SCENE INCLUDED. PLEASE BUY IT AND ENJOY. ♡♡
TATSUMI AND WAKASA'S FRIENDSHIP ILLUSTRATION
"CHIMEISHOU" (TRANSLATES AS FATAL WOUND OR BIGGEST WEAKNESS)
THEY EVEN RECORDED A DRAMA TRACK FOR THE MATENROU OPERA CD!
IT'S REALLY AMAZING! PLEASE LISTEN TO THE ANIME!! BOTH OF THEM!!!
RIGHT!!
SAY IT MORE SEXILY THERE!!
BIG SMILE
Seriously trying to make requests.
INSIDE THE STUDIO
WARMTH
CLUNK! HATED
CLUNK! HATED
WILL BE ELIMI-NATED!
THIS LINE THAT TOTALLY EXPLAINS KASUMI'S CHARAC-TER.
MY SOUL
ぶっひゃあ
I TRIED MY BEST TO SMILE NORMALLY, BUT IT WAS SO CUTE. I'M SURE SHE'S AN ANGEL. PROBABLY.
TWITCH
TWITCH
SHAKE SHAKE
BHYAAAAAAA!
ONE OF THE STAFF HAD MERMAN IN MY TUB NAILS!!
IT WAS A VERY FUN DUBBING !!
I WANT TO EAT RAW OCTO-PUS NOW.
HE SAID THAT!!
?! ?!
BOOTH
SOME MYSTERIOUS NOISE GOT INTO THE RECORDING. AND EVERYONE CHATTERED IT WAS A "SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENON"!!
ONE DAY, I WILL DESTROY YOU ALL.
DUCKY-CHAN'S VARIOUS LEGENDARY AD-LIBS!!
TATSUMI JOKED AROUND !!
SERIOUSLY?!
AND BEHIND THE SCENES. ♡ (IS IT REALLY OKAY?)
A PHOTO PORTFOLIO IS COMING OUT.
MAKI'S TRUE FORM
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE TAKASU?
MIKUNI DOESN'T APPEAR MUCH, SO HE WAS FORCED TO WAIT!!
I'M SORRY YOU HAVE SO FEW LINES
WAKASA AND KASUMI GOT ON A GOOD VIBE AND LIVENED UP THE SCENE!!
PLEASE ENJOY IT TO THE END. ♡♡
THEY ARE FIVE MINUTE ANIMATIONS, BUT MANY WONDERFUL VOICE ACTORS GATHERED TOGETHER FOR IT.
THANK YOU FOR BREATHING LIFE INTO IT AND CREATING SOMETHING SO CUTE!!
THOUGH IT IS A NORMAL AND EVERY-DAY TUB MANGA...
END


SO BIG!
LOOM
IN KENKO LAND
APRIL 5TH HAS ARRIVED!!

SO MANY PEOPLE!
CHATTER
CHATTER
INSIDE.

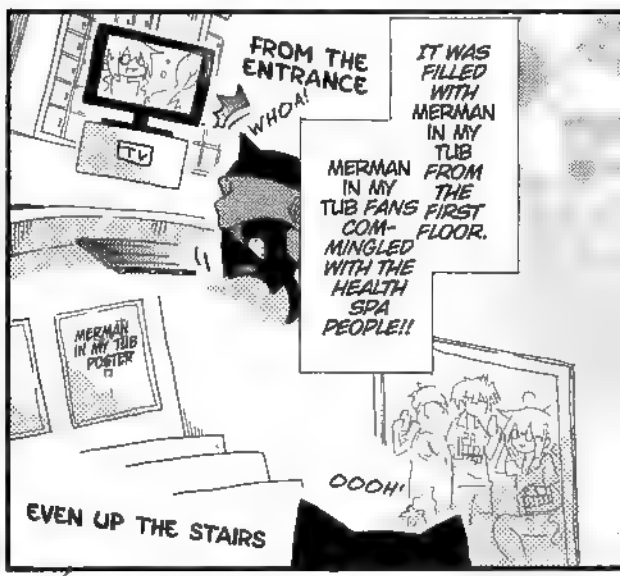
April 5: Umehara-san Talk Show
April 12. Itokichi Autograph Event
(With Mini-Talk Show)
A DAY IN MARCH.
STRAIGHTEN
I REALLY WANT TO GO AND PLAY!
I HAVE TO WATCH AND STUDY UMEHARA-SAN'S TALK SHOW TO PREPARE FOR THE 12TH!!

WENT TO NARA HEALTH SPA REPORT
THE FIRST MERMAN IN MY TUB EVENT!!
I WAS SO EXCITED, I COULDN'T SLEEP!!
VROOM!
•BGM•
Matenrou Opera-san Live DVD
~ I SELFISHLY WENT IN MY OWN CAR! ~

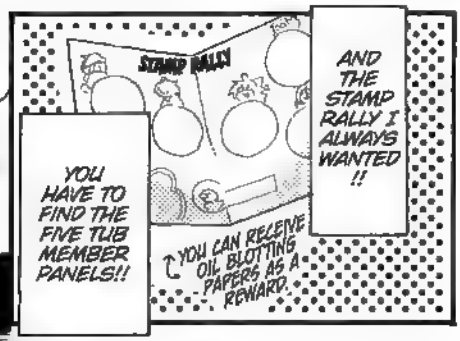
YAY!
MERMAN IN MY TUB SET.
FRIEND
FRIEND

CHEEEEK!!
MANUSCRIPT HALL.

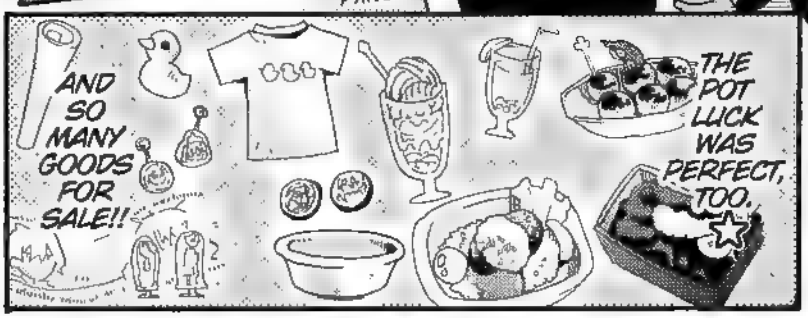
ANIME STORYBOARDS.
SO THAT'S HOW THEY'RE MADE!

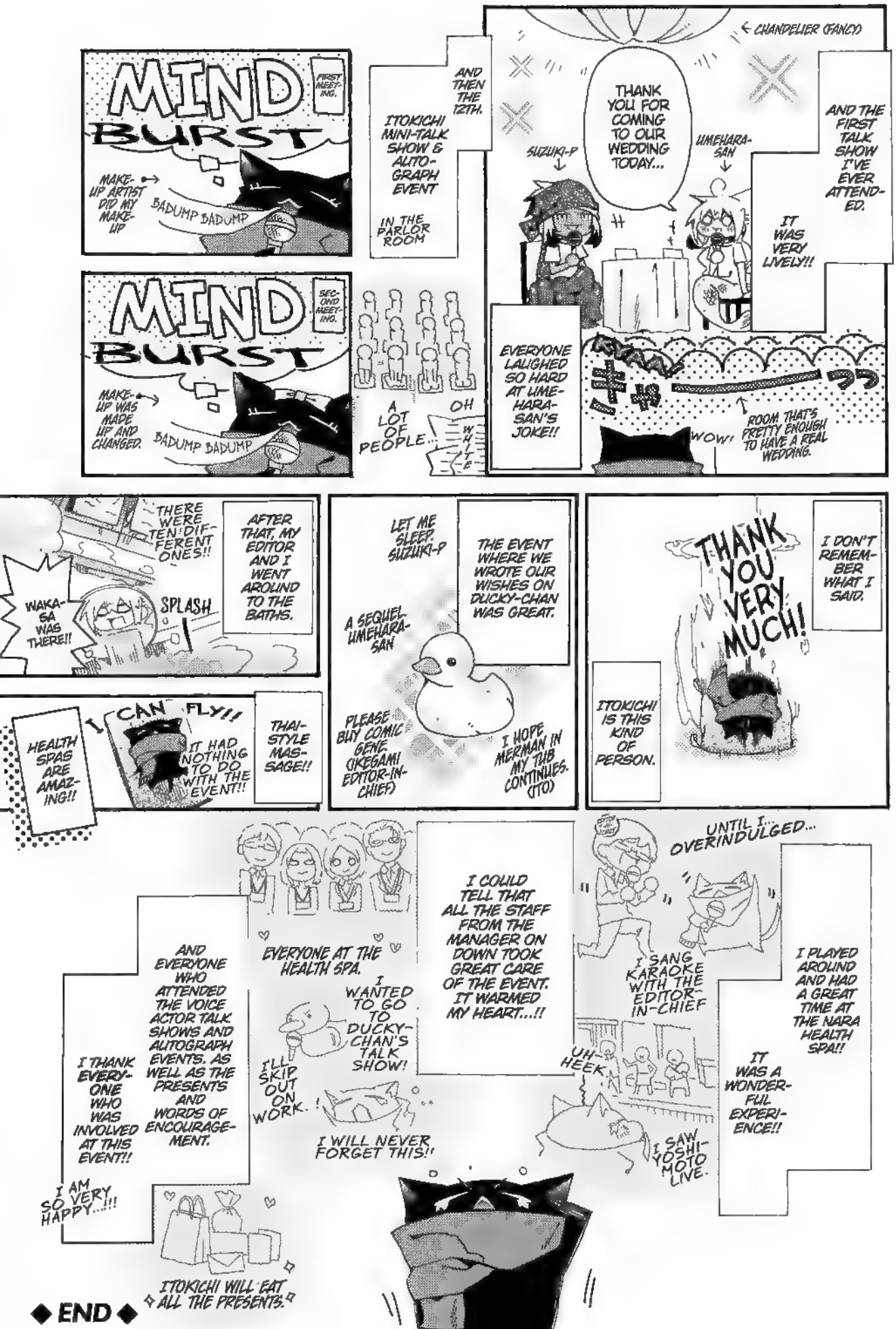

FROM THE ENTRANCE
WHOA!
TV
IT WAS FILLED WITH MERMAN IN MY TUB FROM THE FIRST FLOOR.
MERMAN IN MY TUB FANS COMMINGLED WITH THE HEALTH SPA PEOPLE!!
MERMAN IN MY TUB POSTER
OOOH!
EVEN UP THE STAIRS

MUSIC
MUSIC
LIKE THAT.
KIND PEOPLE HELPED ME. THANK YOU!!!
OH.
MIKUNI IS AT THE GAME CENTER.
SNAP
I FOUND MAKI!!
I WAS ABLE TO GET THEM BOTH!!
SUPER HIDDEN
WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR MAKI.
TAKASU PANEL


STAMP RALLY
AND THE STAMP RALLY I ALWAYS WANTED !!
YOU HAVE TO FIND THE FIVE TUB MEMBER PANELS!!
YOU CAN RECEIVE OIL BLOTTING PAPERS AS A REWARD.

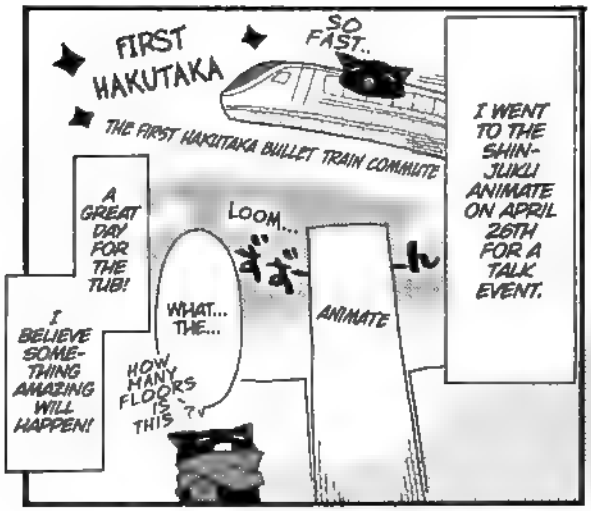
I CAN'T FIND MIKUNI OR MAKI!!
WHILE I PANICKED...

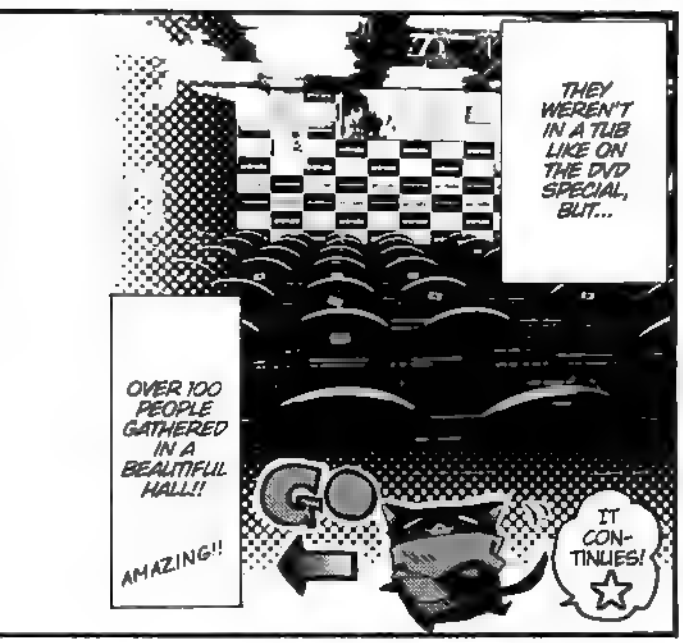

AND SO MANY GOODS FOR SALE!!
THE POT LUCK WAS PERFECT, TOO.


MIND BURST
FIRST MEETING.
MAKE-UP ARTIST DID MY MAKE-UP
BADUMP BADUMP
MIND BURST
SECOND MEETING.
MAKE-UP WAS MADE UP AND CHANGED.
BADUMP BADUMP
ITOKICHI MINI-TALK SHOW & AUTOGRAPH EVENT
IN THE PARLOR ROOM
AND THEN THE 12TH.
A LOT OF PEOPLE...
OH
WHITE
← CHANDELIER (FANCY)
SUZUKI-P
UMEHARA-SAN
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR WEDDING TODAY...
AND THE FIRST TALK SHOW I'VE EVER ATTENDED.
IT WAS VERY LIVELY!!
EVERYONE LAUGHED SO HARD AT UMEHARA-SAN'S JOKE!!
WOW!
ROOM THAT'S PRETTY ENOUGH TO HAVE A REAL WEDDING.
THERE WERE TEN DIFFERENT ONES!!
AFTER THAT, MY EDITOR AND I WENT AROUND TO THE BATHS.
WAKASA WAS THERE!!
SPLASH
LET ME SLEEP, SUZUKI-P
THE EVENT WHERE WE WROTE OUR WISHES ON DUCKY-CHAN WAS GREAT.
A SEQUEL, UMEHARA-SAN
PLEASE BUY COMIC GENE. (IKEGAMI EDITOR-IN-CHIEF)
I HOPE MERMAN IN MY TUB CONTINUES. (TO)
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT I SAID.
ITOKICHI IS THIS KIND OF PERSON.
HEALTH SPAS ARE AMAZING!!
I CAN FLY!!
IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE EVENT!!
THAI-STYLE MASSAGE!!
EVERYONE AT THE HEALTH SPA.
I COULD TELL THAT ALL THE STAFF FROM THE MANAGER ON DOWN TOOK GREAT CARE OF THE EVENT. IT WARMED MY HEART...!!
I WANTED TO GO TO DUCKY-CHAN'S TALK SHOW!
I'LL SKIP OUT ON WORK.
I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS!!
AND EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE VOICE ACTOR TALK SHOWS AND AUTOGRAPH EVENTS. AS WELL AS THE PRESENTS AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.
I THANK EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED AT THIS EVENT!!
I AM SO VERY HAPPY...!!!
ITOKICHI WILL EAT ALL THE PRESENTS.
UNTIL I... OVERINDULGED...
I SANG KARAOKE WITH THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
UH-HEEK...
I SAW YOSHIMOTO LIVE.
I PLAYED AROUND AND HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE NARA HEALTH SPA!!
IT WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE!!
◆ END ◆

MATENROU OPERA × MERMAN IN MY TUB

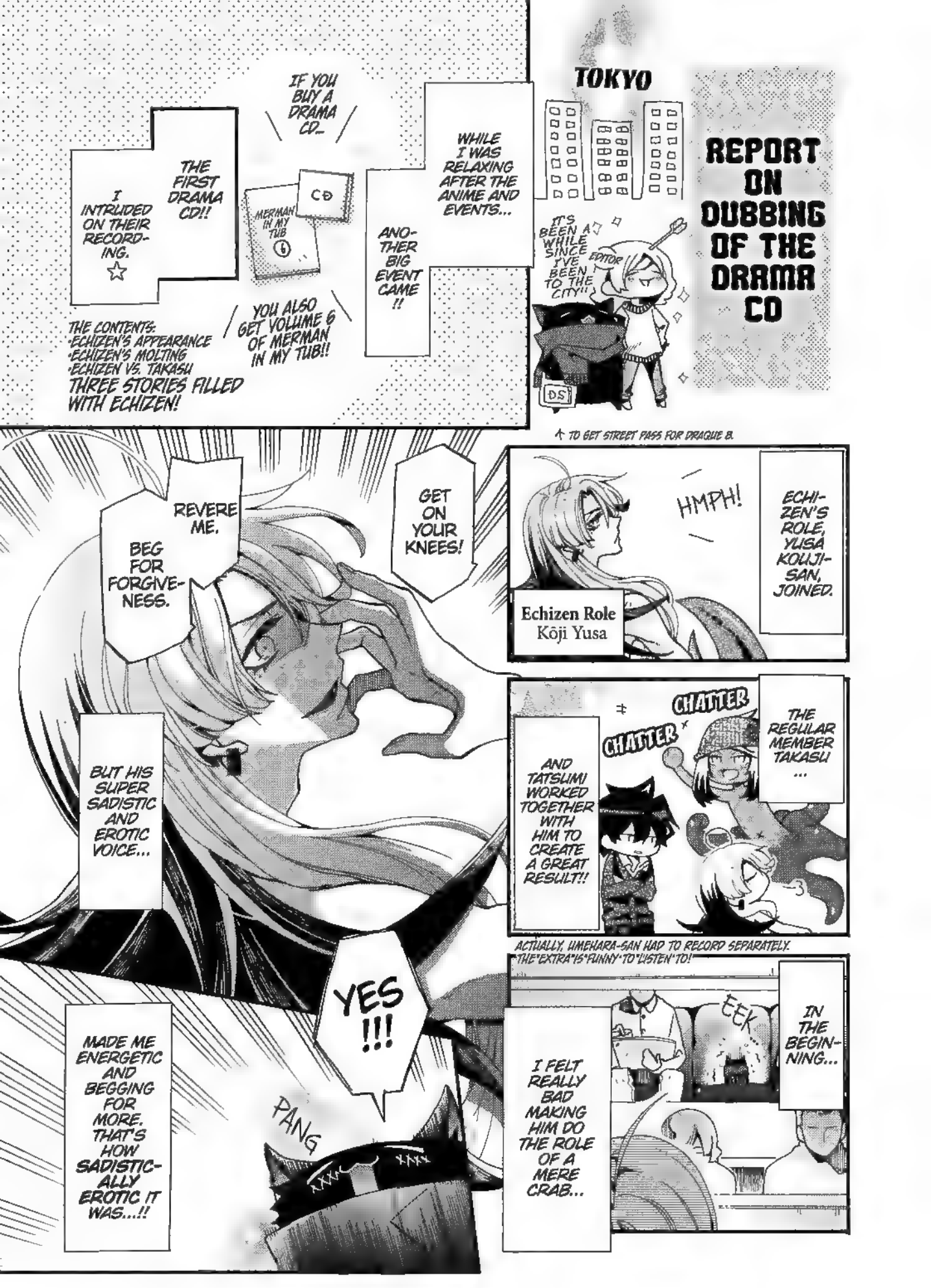
TALK EVENT


FIRST HAKUTAKA
SO FAST..
THE FIRST HAKUTAKA BULLET TRAIN COMMUTE
I WENT TO THE SHIN-JUKU ANIMATE ON APRIL 26TH FOR A TALK EVENT.
A GREAT DAY FOR THE TUB!
I BELIEVE SOME-THING AMAZING WILL HAPPEN!
LOOM...
WHAT... THE...
HOW MANY FLOORS IS THIS-??
ANIMATE



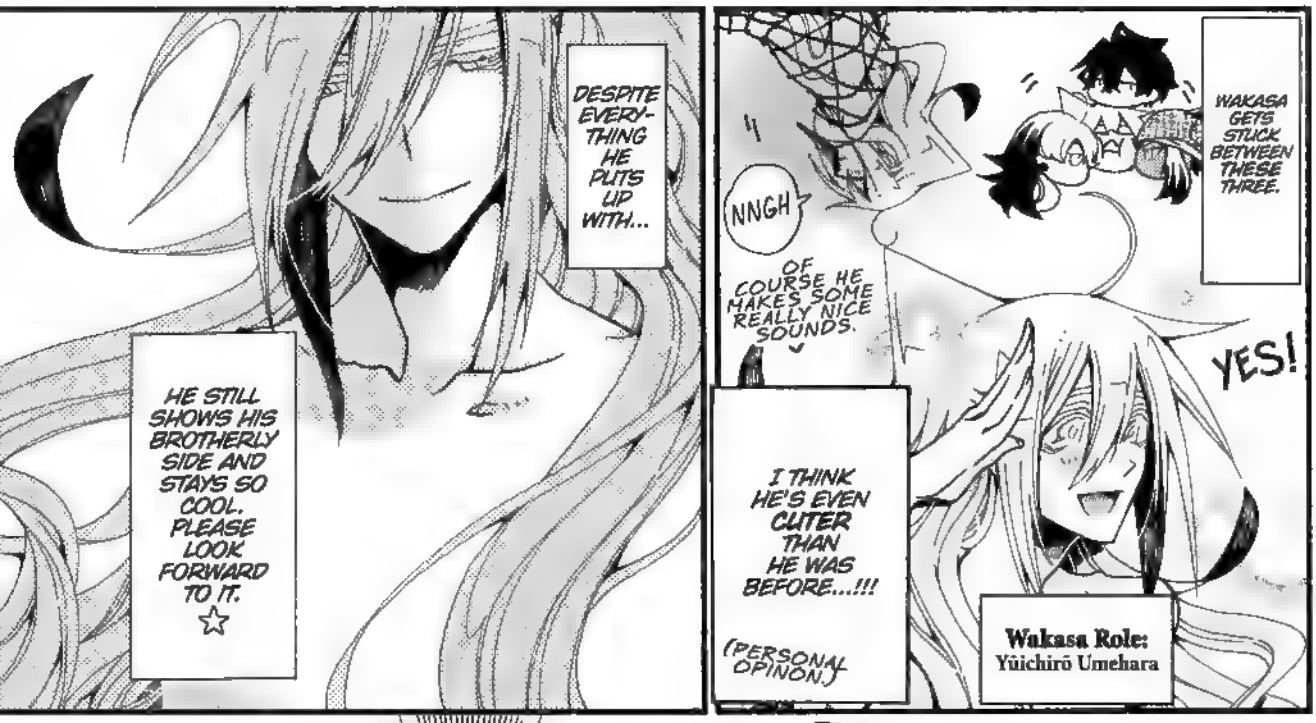
LIVE SCRIPT READING!!
THEY KEPT MAKING EVERYONE BURST INTO LAUGHTER, THEN--
AH HA HA!
THIS IS OUR SECOND MERMAN IN MY TUB EVENT, SO WE GOT THIS!!
NO SCRIPT!
UMEHARA-SAN STARTED THE SHOW.
AND SHIMAZAKI-SAN WORKED WITH HIM TO LIVEN UP THE CROWD.
TATSUMI ROLE: SHIMAZAKI-SAN
WAKASA ROLE: UMEHARA-SAN
HIS MOANS EMBARRASSED EVERYONE A BIT.
*DEPICTION
AH!
NN!
GRIN GRIN
SO EROTIC !!
GOT USED TO IT.
TATSUMI'S SLIME EXPERIENCE
ANIME SCRIPT WRITER AYANA YUNIKO-SAN WROTE THE SCRIPT FOR IT.
MY THUMBS WERE UP THE WHOLE TIME.
GJ!! GJ!!
I'M GOING TO TOUCH YOU.
OKAY..?
Y-YEAH
SLIP
LETTER
STAFF WORKER'S HAND
AND THEN ...
THE SURPRISING REVERSE VERSION, TOO!!
WHAT..?
"SINCE WE HAVE THE CHANCE, WHY NOT DO IT AGAIN WITH THE ROLES REVERSED."
IT SAYS
CHANGE
THEY ALSO WATCHED THE SPECIAL ANIMATION.
THE CEILING OF THE BATHROOM BROKE
WHY DID YOU LEAVE IT ALONE?
SHUNK
OF ALL THE COMMENTS, UMEHARA-SAN'S COMMENT ON THAT ENDED UP LEAVING THE GREATEST IMPRESSION ON ME.
※PLEASE WATCH THE DVD TO GET THE DETAILS
DUCKY-CHAN WAS SO FUNNY DURING THE DUBBING.
AND SECRET STORIES ABOUT THE MAKING OF THE ANIME WERE TOLD.
I WASN'T SURE WHETHER I SHOULD USE A HIGHER OR LOWER PITCH ON THE FIRST DAY
GOOD-NESS
THEY WATCHED THE LAST EPISODE WHILE DOING LIVE COMMENTARY.
OH, IT'S TSUDA-SAN!
GIGOLO
CHATTER
*DEPICTION
NNNGH
NNNGH
NNNGH
EVERYONE BURST INTO LAUGHTER AT SHIMAZAKI-SAN'S ACT AS WAKASA.
IT WAS A RARE VOICE THAT COULD ONLY BE HEARD HERE!!
AHH
HA HA!!
HA HA!
SUCH A MANLY WAKASA!

SONO-SAN, AYAME-SAN, AND YOU-SAN OF MATENROU OPERA APPEARED!
ALONG WITH THE BGM OF "CHIMEI-SHOU."
SONO-SAN REPRE-SENTATIVE
YOU-SAN REPRE-SENTATIVE
AYAME-SAN REPRE-SENTATIVE
AND THEN ...
I FELT A SENSE OF CLOSE-NESS.
On her own.
MY BROTH-ER DID ONCE, TOO.
OH.
I TOOK SO MANY, MUSH-ROOMS GREW ON ME.
AFTER BEING ASKED ABOUT TAKING BATHS AFTER-WARDS.
THE HALL MUR-MURED IN SUR-PRISE.
WOW...
WE WERE TOLD THE TRICK TO SINGING "CHIMEI-SHOU" WELL.
ALL RIGHT!!
IT'S LIKE...
WELL...
RAM-MING INTO YOUR STRESS !!
WE TOOK YOUR FIRST TIME.
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO AN EVENT LIKE THIS BEFORE.
IT SEEMS MERMAN IN MY TUB HAS TAKEN THE FIRST OF MANY PEOPLE.
WARMTH
FIVE SUPER MEN... I EXPERI-ENCED AN AMAZING COLLABO-RATION...!!
DA-DAAAN
SPARKLE
THIS IMAGE CANNOT FULLY DEPICT WHAT IT WAS LIKE
SPARKLE
TO THAT QUES-TION ...
WHAT ARE YOUR BIGGEST WEAKNESSES, YOU HAND-SOME MEN?
IT WAS A VERY FUN EVENT.
SECOND SEASON!!
THE CROWD SCREAMED "WE WANT A SECOND SEASON!!" TOWARD THE STAGE SOME-TIMES.
WE GOT TO HEAR ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL HOBBIES.
SECOND SEASON!!
FWAAAH~
FOR SOME REASON, I DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORY OF ANYTHING THAT HAP-PENS AFTER 12:00.
SONO-SAN
MY ROOM GETS DIRTY REALLY QUICKLY.
I LEAVE CLOTHES EVERY-WHERE
AYA-ME-SAN
PLAYING GAMES TOO MUCH AND GETTING SICK.
YOU-SAN
SLEEPY
GRIN
SUCH BLATANT TRUTHS.
EXTRA
YAAY!
THEY SMELLED SO NICE. I
WHEN I GOT NEAR THEM..
DHEH HEH HEH!
OUR SECRET!
◆END◆


REPORT ON DUBBING OF THE DRAMA CD
TOKYO
EDITOR
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN TO THE CITY!!
DS
WHILE I WAS RELAXING AFTER THE ANIME AND EVENTS...
ANO-THER BIG EVENT CAME !!
IF YOU BUY A DRAMA CD...
CD
MERMAN IN MY TUB 6
YOU ALSO GET VOLUME 6 OF MERMAN IN MY TUB!!
THE FIRST DRAMA CD!!
I INTRUDED ON THEIR RECORD-ING.
THE CONTENTS:
·ECHIZEN'S APPEARANCE
·ECHIZEN'S MOLTING
·ECHIZEN VS. TAKASU
THREE STORIES FILLED WITH ECHIZEN!
↑ TO GET STREET PASS FOR DRAQUE 8.
HMPH!
ECHI-ZEN'S ROLE, YUSA KOUJI-SAN, JOINED.
Echizen Role
Kōji Yusa
CHATTER
CHATTER
THE REGULAR MEMBER TAKASU ...
AND TATSUMI WORKED TOGETHER WITH HIM TO CREATE A GREAT RESULT!!
ACTUALLY, UMEHARA-SAN HAD TO RECORD SEPARATELY. THE "EXTRA" IS "FUNNY" TO "LISTEN" TO!
EEK
IN THE BEGIN-NING...
I FELT REALLY BAD MAKING HIM DO THE ROLE OF A MERE CRAB...
GET ON YOUR KNEES!
REVERE ME.
BEG FOR FORGIVE-NESS.
BUT HIS SUPER SADISTIC AND EROTIC VOICE...
YES !!!
PANG
MADE ME ENERGETIC AND BEGGING FOR MORE. THAT'S HOW SADISTIC-ALLY EROTIC IT WAS...!!

AND OF COURSE, HIS COOL SCENES!!
FROM SUPER-SADISTIC TO COMICAL.
IT WAS VERY INTERESTING!!
BOOM!
HH HH HHHHH... HH HH HHHHH...
I'M MOLTING!!
SHAK!!
SO COOL!
AND THEN...
HIS HEAVY BREATHING...
(CHAPTER 02)
FLUTTER
HE DID HIS OWN SOUND EFFECTS DURING HIS BATTLE WITH TATSUMI, TOO!!
AND THEN.
UGH-GH-GH-GH-GH!
AFTERIMAGE
PUNCH
PUNCH
PUNCH
COME ON! COME ON!
AFTERIMAGE
※ DEPICTION
THEY ALSO FIGHT JUST BY TURNING AWAY AND SAYING, "HMPH!"
THEIR FIGHT BOUNCED BACK AND FORTH PERFECTLY.
ALMOST TO THE POINT YOU FORGET IT'S A TUB MANGA ...!!
WIGGLE
HEY!
AND THEN TAKASU APPEARS!!
Takasu Role: Tatsuhisa Suzuki
YOU HAVE TO LISTEN! YOU'LL NEVER HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE A!!
THE FLASHBACK TO WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN WAS UNBEARABLE...!!
IT ALMOST MADE ME A LOVER OF LITTLE-BOY LOVE STORIES.
AND FROM THAT.
THE CHANGE TO THEIR HONEST SELVES WAS AMAZING!!
IT WAS FUN!
HOW NOSTALGIC!
AMAZING
I FELT A FRESH BREEZE...!!

NO ♥ ALREADY. ♥ I'M GOING TO OVERFLOW. BATH SALTS. ♥ NUMBER THIRTEEN.
HE READ THE NAME OF THE BATH SALTS THAT CONTAINED ♡ IN THE SCRIPT STIFFLY, WHICH MADE IT SOUND VERY MISCHIEVOUS.
THE LAST SCENE WITH WAKASA WAS ALSO VERY CUTE. ☆
GRAB
GRAB
TATSUMI, WHO REINS THE TWO OF THEM IN.
HIS UNSHAKING PRESENCE COULD EASILY BE FELT.
HE'S LIKE THEIR DAD.
Tatsumi Role: Nobunaga Shimazaki


DESPITE EVERYTHING HE PUTS UP WITH...
HE STILL SHOWS HIS BROTHERLY SIDE AND STAYS SO COOL. PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO IT. ☆
WAKASA GETS STUCK BETWEEN THESE THREE.
NNGH
OF COURSE HE MAKES SOME REALLY NICE SOUNDS.
YES!
I THINK HE'S EVEN CUTER THAN HE WAS BEFORE...!!!
(PERSONAL OPINION)
Wakasa Role: Yūichirō Umehara

PLEASE PICK UP THE SPECIAL VOLUME 6 THAT COMES ALONG WITH THE DRAMA CD!!
I SUSPECTED IT, BUT THAT IS THE MOMENT I WAS SURE.
THIS PERSON IS A NATURAL DITZ.
I HEARD HIS RESPONSE ...
CAN I ANSWER "FRIED SHRIMP"?
A SIDE NOTE, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS WAS, "WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SEAFOOD?"
HMM SEAFOOD, HUH?
THEY ANSWERED THREE QUESTIONS!!
A VOLUMINOUS, WONDERFUL ONE!!
AND AS A SPECIAL, THE CD HAS A CAST TALK AS WELL.
PLEASE LISTEN TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY SAID

◆END◆

HERE, WE'RE SHOWING THE ILLUSTRATIONS AND QUESTIONS SENT IN AFTER OUR REQUEST IN VOLUME 5!!

オレん家のウラ事情 special

THE BACKGROUND OF MY HOUSE

REQUEST 1 I WANT TO SEE THIS KIND OF ILLUSTRATION.

ITOKICHI-SENSEI'S ILLUSTRATION IS ON THE INSIDE COVER.☆

REQUEST 2 READER'S ILLUSTRATION CORNER

I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU SOME OF THE WONDERFUL ART PEOPLE HAVE SENT ME!!

P.N. neo

P.N. かむかむ

P.N. めがね

P.N. ぶなしめじ

P.N. にゃん太

PN 黒ネジ

PN りょうた

PN りさ

PN 佐藤千紘

PN 向日葵

PN 京

PN 黒鵺

PN 腰巻パンダ

PN 杠黄昏

REQUEST 3 QUESTIONS FOR ITOKICHI-SENSEI CORNER

Q WHAT IS THE INSIDE OF THE BOTTOM HALF OF TAKASU, WAKASA, AND AGARI-SAN LIKE? DO THEY HAVE ONE OF *THOSE?* (MATSUOKA FUUMA)

Their bottom halves are as edible as you'd expect. Only people who eat them would know if they were delicious or not. They each have one of *those*, but you will never see *those* (children read this series too!).

Q IS THERE A CHARACTER SETTING YOU ENDED UP CHANGING DRASTICALLY FOR *MERMAN IN MY TUB?* (MINAZOU)

Drastically changed...I don't think so. But...when I couldn't decide, I showed my editor the current Hisatora and a handsome young Hisatora version. I was told to use the old man version. Wakasa hasn't changed much: I just wanted to depict "relationship" and "dependence." Er, I think so, anyway...

Q HOW DO TAKASU AND THE OTHERS COME TO VISIT THE HOUSE? (SHOOTING STAR)

From the river where Tatsumi picked up Wakasa, there is a secret underground sewer that they use to get to a manhole near the outside of the bathroom. His grandfather made it. (Don't think about the legal implications of that; this is a romance.) The ones who can walk easily dash over on land at night.

Q I ALWAYS READ THIS WITH MY SEVENTH-GRADE DAUGHTER. THIS IS A BOLD QUESTION FROM A PARENT AND CHILD, BUT... HOW DO WAKASA AND THE OTHERS GO TO THE BATHROOM? (I FEEL LIKE WAKASA WOULD SAY, "I'M AN IDOL SO I DON'T GO TO THE BATHROOM~!" (LAUGH)) (HIPOPOTAMASU)

Thank you for being parent and child fans! Bathroom...Well, now that you've used the "idols" excuse, I can't use it.
Oh, I know... I'm sure they all have abnormal bodies and use up everything they consume to give them health or prolong their longevity. Oh, but Kasumi doesn't go to the bathroom either! (´•∀•´)

I WONDERED WHILE READING. DO THE CHARACTERS CUT THEIR HAIR WHEN IT GROWS TOO LONG? (KUROKANA)

It takes a really long time for it to grow so they just leave it as is, but if it gets too long they ask Takasu to cut it. Takasu is the only one who takes care of his hair regularly to prevent split ends.

I TRIED TAKING A BATH WITH MY FEET TOGETHER LIKE WAKASA, BUT IT WAS SUPER HARD. I ALMOST FELL ON MY FACE. DOES WAKASA ALWAYS LIVE LIKE THIS? OR DOES HE HAVE TATSUMI HELP HIM MOST OF THE TIME? (PECORO)

G...Good job . ! I've tried it too, but it made me get a leg cramp. However, Wakasa has always trained this way and has been a merman for a long time, so he is pretty okay. But outside of the manga, he gets a lot of help from Tatsumi. ☆That's why Tatsumi always carries work gloves in his back pocket.

WHEN TAKASU, MIKUNI-SAN, MAKI-SAN, AGARI-SAN, AND GOROMARU VISIT, DON'T TATSUMI'S NEIGHBORS FIND OUT? (BLUE SKY)

They come through a special route so that they don't get found out (see previous page). They all have skills to avoid humans so they are even safer!

TATSUMI HAS A CUTE LITTLE SISTER LIKE KASUMI-CHAN, BUT DOES WAKASA HAVE ANY SIBLINGS? IT'S MY OWN IMAGINATION, BUT I FEEL LIKE WAKASA WOULD HAVE AN OLDER BROTHER!! (TARO)

Wakasa has no siblings or parents. But he played as a little brother to Takasu and the others, so they are like siblings! He looks up to Agari as a senpai because he wanted to be spoiled a little, too.

DOES WAKASA HAVE A MAN'S OR WOMAN'S HEART? (G-LOVE)

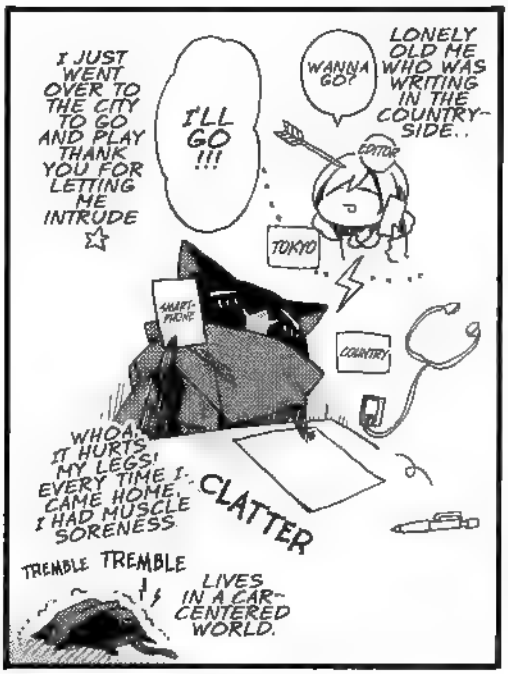
A man's heart! He is a merman with a male body and soul that likes cute things a bit and is influenced by women's magazines!

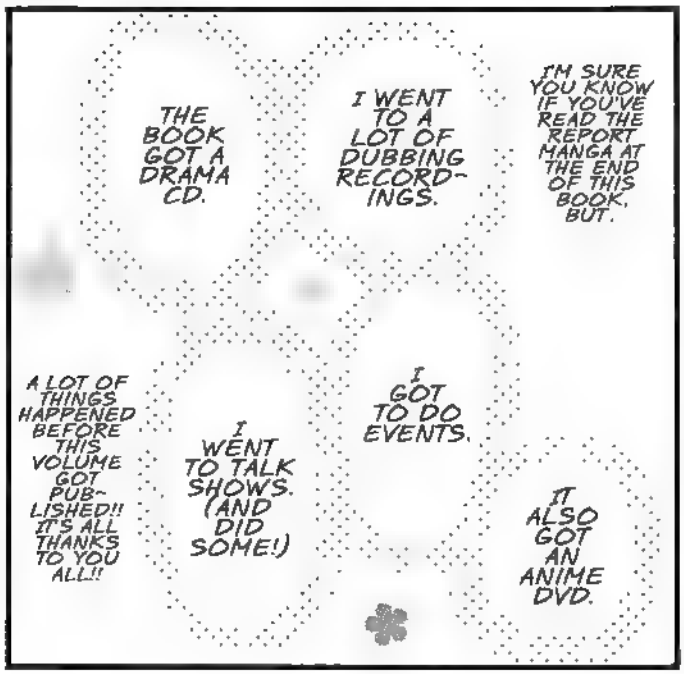
WHY IS TAKASU SO TANNED? (AYANO)

He's always busy in the water (or sea) or out on land. Just kidding, it's because he looks stronger and manlier when he's a little tan.

Itokichi
Wakasa:
Umehara Yuuichirou
Tatsumi:
Shimazaki Nobunaga
Takasu:
Suzuki Tatsuhisa
Echizen:
Yusa Kouji

YAAAY
THUMBS UP
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FINGERS ON ONE HAND. VOLUME 6!!
IT HAS BEEN A YEAR LONG TIME. NO SEE! I'M ITOKICH!!
HOW ARE YOU? I AM DOING GREAT!


I JUST WENT OVER TO THE CITY TO GO AND PLAY THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME INTRUDE
I'LL GO !!!
WANNA GO?
LONELY OLD HE WHO WAS WRITING IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE..
EDITOR
TOKYO
SMART-PHONE
COUNTRY
WHOA. IT HURTS. MY LEGS! EVERY TIME I CAME HOME I HAD MUSCLE SORENESS.
CLATTER
TREMBLE TREMBLE
LIVES IN A CAR-CENTERED WORLD.


THE BOOK GOT A DRAMA CD.
I WENT TO A LOT OF DUBBING RECORD-INGS.
I'M SURE YOU KNOW IF YOU'VE READ THE REPORT MANGA AT THE END OF THIS BOOK. BUT.
A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED BEFORE THIS VOLUME GOT PUB-LISHED!! IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU ALL!!
I WENT TO TALK SHOWS. (AND DID SOME!)
I GOT TO DO EVENTS.
IT ALSO GOT AN ANIME DVD.

↑ SUDDENLY.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

EVERYONE WHO HELPS ME SO MUCH! UWAAAH!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY, FOR DRAGGING ME OFF MY ~~FAT~~ HEAVY BUTT!

MY EDITORS!

AND ALL THOSE WHO'VE TAKEN THE TIME TO READ THIS SERIES UNTIL NOW,

YOU!!

KASUMI IS DRESSED ALL FLUFFY DURING WINTER SO I LOVE IT
THIS SERIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE FOCUSED ON THE TUB. I WOULD BE SO HAPPY IF YOU CONTINUE TO PICK IT UP WHEN YOU HAVE FREE TIME!!!
YOGURT IS DELI-CIOUS.

WHAT IF... SOUSUKE WAS THE MAIN CHARACTER?

Presented by ITOKICHI

AN "I WANT TO SEE THIS KIND OF ILLUSTRATION" REQUEST
HUMANIZED
+VARIOUS JOBS
I THOUGHT THE WORD "HUMANIZED" WAS REALLY INTERESTING...!! IT FEELS STRANGE AND A BIT EMBARRASSING.

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Rub-a-dub-dub—a merman in a tub! Wakasa the handsome merman is being happily spoiled by Tatsumi, an ordinary high school student, when Echizen the super-sadistic crab pops up to take Wakasa back. Old rivalries flare when Echizen meets up with Takasu... Wait, those two were rivals?! Also in this chapter, meet Makara, a clownfish with a sexy surprise! This comedy serves up laughter and heart as warm as bathwater!

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